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Kuwait asserts rejection of RDF

KUWAIT, March 24 (AP) — Kuwait reiterated its rejection of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force, contending it could cause off adverse repercussions in the Gulf region. "The (Gulf) area is in no need of such force," Foreign Ministry Undersecretary Ahmad al-Rasbid told U.S. Ambassador Francis Dickman Monday.

Dickman was visiting al-Rasbid, with 17 members of the U.S. National Defense Academy attending. After the meeting, al-Rasbid told reporters that he had told Dickman and the cadets that the Rapid Deployment Force could have an adverse impact here.

"I also pointed out that the region is not in need of such force and that we are keen on keeping the region free from super-power rivalries," said al-Rasbid.

Al-Rasbid said that he also told Ambassador Dickman about the American-Arab relations and that he urged the U.S. government to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In Washington, however, the U.S. administration has begun notifying Congress that it may station at least 1,000 U.S. troops in the Sinai as part of a peace-keeping force, congressional sources said Monday night.

The Americans would help maintain a buffer between Egypt and Israel and be linked to a security shield against Soviet penetration in the Gulf.

The peace-keeping force would include troops from other countries, including probably Canada, Australia and New Zealand.



POSTER CHILD: President Reagan gets a hug from Mary Melissa Jablonski, 6, the 1981 March of Dimes poster child in the Oval Office Monday as Linda Brown Ray, the 1949 poster child looks on.

EEC decides on aid Poles to hold more talks

BYDGOSZCZ, Poland, March 24 (R) — National officials of Poland's Solidarity free trade union, Tuesday accepted Solidarity leader Lech Walesa's proposal that more talks be held with the government before a general strike is called next Tuesday.

Solidarity's national consultative committee agreed to the recommendation after being told that Walesa would not return to its meeting unless his proposal was accepted. By a vote of 35 to two with four abstentions, the committee voted to hold talks with the government on Wednesday, stage a two to four hour warning strike on Friday and a general strike next Tuesday in protest against last week's alleged police attack on unionists.

That was the same plan Walesa submitted to the committee Monday night when it was accepted in a vote. But the meeting later ended in uproar after moderates and radicals split over whether to call an immediate general strike.

Solidarity's Iwaj Bogdan Lis opened Tuesday's reading a statement saying Walesa would not return unless his proposal was approved. Lis said the proposal should be accepted in view of the seriousness of the country's present situation.

Warsaw Solidarity leader Zbigniew Bujak told the committee: "Lech Walesa has found himself in a situation paralyzing his ability to lead the country out of its crisis. He has every right to give up leading the union. Regardless of what he decides, I suggest a yes vote to his proposal."

In Maastricht, Netherlands, The European Common Market nations agreed Tuesday to intensify their role in an international financial rescue plan for Poland. Estimating that Poland would need help of about a billion dollars in the next few months the ten countries declared at the end of a two-day summit meeting they would send more food aid to Poland and continue efforts in an international consortium to provide financial assistance.

"I think we must make it possible for Poland to solve its own problems in its own way," British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told a news conference.

British Foreign Minister Lord Carrington said "the economic situation I think has deteriorated in Poland over the last few months and they really need some more money or rescheduling or refinancing urgently... over a billion dollars to tide them over until July."

"Obviously this will have to be talked about," he said. Mrs. Thatcher said of the current political situation "we have been continually concerned. Obviously we are watching everything closely, anxiously." Mrs. Thatcher said no specific aid package had been agreed to, but said, "we understand that they want more food supplies."

Meetings of major Western industrialized nations have been held in Paris recently to aid Poland in grappling with its \$25 billion foreign debt.

Time runs short for M.E. peace

LONDON, March 24 (AP) — Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan said Monday night time was running out for a political solution in the Arab-Israeli dispute. Speaking to the European Atlantic Group at the House of Commons, Hassan said "the dynamic Zionization of Arab territories through the establishment of over 116 settlements limits the time available for a political solution."

He said, however, that the climate for an overall international settlement was not "wholly adverse."

"Furthermore, we have no illusions about the so-called Jordanian option," the prince said. "To us, bypassing the Palestinians and the refusal of Israel to deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization, their sole legitimate representative, is no option at all."

M.E. bid hopeful, EEC says

MAASTRICHT, March 24 (AFP) — European Economic Community (EEC) leaders Tuesday said that interest so far shown in a European peace initiative for the Middle East was encouraging. EEC heads of state or government, at the end of a European council summit here, expressed satisfaction over the initial results of a Middle East shuttle by Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Van Der Klaauw, the European council chairman. The 10 European partners also expressed grave concern over developments in southern Lebanon and asked all sides to cooperate fully to allow United Nations (U.N.) peacekeeping troops there to fulfil their mandate.

A statement issued to mark the end of the two-day summit, said that Van Der Klaauw would present a final report on the Mideast initiative on June 29 and 30.

The EEC leaders, meanwhile, described the death of three Nigerian members of the U.N. Interim force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), which is stationed in southern Lebanon to restore peace and security to the region, as tragic.

The 10 described the application of the UNIFIL mandate as the only way to create the necessary conditions for a progressive return of Lebanese sovereignty over southern Lebanon.

Meets Nott New arms orders not placed--Sultan

RIYADH, March 24 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan has reiterated that the Kingdom has not yet placed any request for the purchase of German arms and that the world press has gone too far on the subject.

In a statement following talks with visiting British Defense Secretary John Nott, Prince Sultan described Saudi Arabian-German relations as "excellent". He also confirmed that there are no plans on striking arms deals with the Western or other states, except the Kingdom's agreement with the U.S. on the supply of F-15 fighter aircraft.

The prince said the meeting discussed the Kingdom's declared policy which always tries to keep the Gulf region neutral and away from conspiracies, with a view to bringing peace and stability to the area.

Prince Sultan added that he discussed with Nott the existing cooperation between the two countries, especially in the field of training at the King Faisal Air Academy and the Technical Institute in Dhahran.

He said a number of British trainers and teachers are working at the air academy and the technical institute under an agreement between the two governments on the development of the method of training.

He added that a British company is working at the military hospital in Riyadh and Al-Kharj under the supervision of the British government.

The meeting was attended on the Saudi Arabian side by Sheikh Othman Al-Humaid, assistant defense and aviation minister; Gen. Muhammad Al-Humaid, chief of the general staff and Sheikh Ali-Al-Sughair, head of the foreign office in Riyadh.

The British side included Gen. Terence Lewis, chief of the general staff and Sir James Craig, the British ambassador to the Kingdom.

At the end, Prince Sultan exchanged souvenirs with his British counterpart. Earlier in the morning Nott visited the King Faisal Air Academy accompanied by Lt. Gen. Muhammad Sabri, commander of the royal air force.

The British defense secretary was welcomed at the academy by Maj. Gen. Sadeq Jawbarji, the academy commander, and other wing leaders. He was briefed on the academy's activity and its different organizations and missions. Later, he paid a visit to the education wing, the practical training center and the Sultan sports center. Finally, he called at the Cadets' Club where he exchanged souvenirs with the officials.

Bank officials in Dhahran

DHAHRAN, March 24 — Dr. Hollis Burnley Chenery, vice president development policy of the World Bank, spent a day talking to students and faculty at the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) here Monday. Chenery was accompanied on his visit by Guy de Lusigen and Surendra Agarwal of the World Bank's Riyadh mission.

The purpose of Chenery's visit to the Kingdom is to enable him to learn through informal contact with Saudi Arabian authorities and academicians how they view the development of Saudi Arabia and other countries in the region. This will enable Chenery, who is well acquainted with energy consumers' point of view, "to see what the other side of the story is like," as he told an afternoon discussion group of faculty and students in UPM's college of industrial management.

Chenery claimed that with certain exceptions like Turkey, pessimistic expectations about the world economy, 1973-80, have not been fulfilled.

Nonetheless, "the uncertainty of energy supplies is one of the main obstacles to adjustment," he said, adding that action is not being taken on the assumption that over the next ten years oil prices will rise 2-3 per cent on top of inflation.

Noting that Saudi Arabian economic growth, at 16 per cent per annum, is now the highest in the world, Chenery remarked that the Kingdom enjoys a wide range of choices in deciding what its optimal rate of development should be.

Police arrest Biggs, great train robber

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados March 24 (AP) — A man claimed to be Ronald Biggs, the fugitive British train robber who was carried out of a restaurant in Brazil last week, has been arrested on a drifting yacht off Barbados, police said.

The short, stocky, balding man, wearing a T-shirt, identified himself as Biggs at police headquarters here Monday afternoon, police commissioner Aviston Presscod said.

The description of the 51-year-old Biggs, who drew a 30-year prison sentence in 1963 for his part in the so-called Great Train Robbery of a London-Glasgow mail train. Biggs escaped two years later and surfaced in Brazil in 1974. But he escaped deportation by fathering a Brazilian child.

Biggs was carried first out a crowded Rio restaurant last week in what friends said was a kidnapping. British press reports said three former members of Britain's crack anti-terrorist unit, the Special Air Services, abducted Biggs, hoping to sell their story for a large amount of money.

The police commissioner said he was awaiting Biggs' fingerprint from London to confirm whether he had the wanted man. Other officials said they expected an extradition application from British High Commissioner Stanley Arthur, who was waiting on the dock when the suspect was brought ashore.

Biggs was a member of the gang that carried out history's biggest train robbery, a 1963 raid on a British mail train that netted more than \$6 million. He was sentenced to 30 years in jail, but escaped from London's Wandsworth prison in 1965 and spent the following five years on the run before settling in Brazil.



PHILLIP IN EGYPT: Prince Phillip of Britain who was in Egypt on a three-day visit returning from a golf course after watching a display of horses jumping fences Sunday. The Great Pyramid of Giza can be seen in the background.

Event of 20th century Social Democrats to stir U.K.

LONDON, March 24 (AFP) — The official birth of the new Social-Democratic party in two days' time is seen by its founders as possibly the most important political event in Britain of the second half of the 20th century.

Be that as it may the new political grouping will almost certainly cause upheaval in the cosy British system of the last 70 years, where the Conservative and Labor parties have taken turn and turn about, prodded occasionally by the small number of Liberals.

At the head of the party are former Labor ministers David Owen, Bill Rogers, Shirley Williams and Roy Jenkins. Of these, Owen and Rogers are members of parliament, along with 11 other Labor defectors and one Conservative who have joined the new grouping.

One factor has pushed the Social Democrats on to the launching pad: the polarization of the two giants, with Labor being pushed by its left wing into a policy of unilateral disarmament and withdrawal from the European community, and the Conservatives taking the "inhuman" road of strict monetarism.

The aim of the new party is clear. To win the next general elections, due in three years, and form a government along with the Liberals. Such an administration would adopt policies which would not automatically be reversed by a successor, as has been the case with Lab and Conservative governments over such matters as nationalization.

The Social Democrats want a mixed economy, with maximum stimulation of the public sector industries, a more equal society created by increased government spending and more worker participation in companies, if not employees on the board.

On foreign policy the party will give priority to links with Europe — Jenkins' position as former head of the European Commission is significant here — and cooperation with the Third World.

At present the idea of a Social-Democratic party with or without the Liberals has struck a strong chord with the public.

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World War II commander dies

LONDON, March 24 (AP) — Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck, the world War II British Army commander who fought Rommel in the African desert, died Monday night in Marrakech, the ministry of defense announced in London Tuesday. He was 96 and had been unwell for the past three weeks.

Auchinleck made his home in Marrakech where he was looked after by army staff, who reported his death to London, the defense ministry said. "He had been unwell since the end of last month and had received treatment from local civilian doctors and he was seen by a military doctor from Gibraltar," a ministry spokesman said.

Born June 21, 1884, Auchinleck was British commander-in-chief in the Middle East in 1941-42 and was regarded by many historians as the general who laid the foundations for the British victory in the north African desert.

Known as "the Auk," he launched a major offensive on Nov. 18, 1941, but a German counter-offensive by Marshal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps forced the British back to the Egyptian frontier in the first half of 1942.

Auchinleck, then a general, established a defensive post at the small town of el Alamein, 60 miles (97 kms) west of Alexandria, and in the summer of 1942 won the first battle of el Alamein against Rommel's combined German and Italian armies.

This prepared the way for the Allied counter-attack against Rommel, which was led by Britain's Gen. Bernard Montgomery, later a field marshal and 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein.

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Khaled gives SR10m to earthquake victims

RIYADH, March 24 (SPA) — King Khaled donated SR10 million to victims of the recent earthquakes in western and central Greece, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Monday.

The area was shaken by a powerful earth tremor on March 10 which destroyed more than 150 houses and killed about 19 people.

In other developments, the King cabled his greetings Monday to Pakistani President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq on Pakistan's National Day. He told the president "On behalf of the government and people of Saudi Arabia please accept my heartiest congratulations and sincere and cordial wishes to you for more progress and success."

The King also received the Ulema and Sheikhs as is customary every Monday at Al-Maathar palace.

King Khaled will attend the seventh annual camel race on April 16. The race at Al-

Janadereyya is jointly organized by Al-Ferrousseya Club and the National Guard.

The event will consist of two races — the first, at 10 a.m. for Sudanese camels, and the second early in the afternoon (following the Asr prayers) for camels from the Arabian peninsula. The camels in each race will race across a 19-kilometer distance, rounding the race track three times. Prizes will be awarded to the first 200 camels in each race. The winner will get SR35,000 in cash and a Dodge 2,000 gallon water tanker offered by the National Car Company. The king will personally deliver the prizes of the first five winners in each race.

Meanwhile, the Ferrousseya club held its 20th horse racing event of the season at al-Malazz race track here Monday. Prizes for the five races totaled SR44,000 plus a Buick car (model 1981) offered by Prince Saud ibn Muhammad ibn Abdul Aziz.

To include cold stores

Fishing operations expand

RIYADH, March 24 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Fishing Company decided to build a cold-store in Dammam with a storage capacity of 1,500 tons of fish. The company also decided to purchase a fleet of fully-equipped fishing vessels.

In a meeting of the company's board of directors under Agriculture and Water

Youth club opens

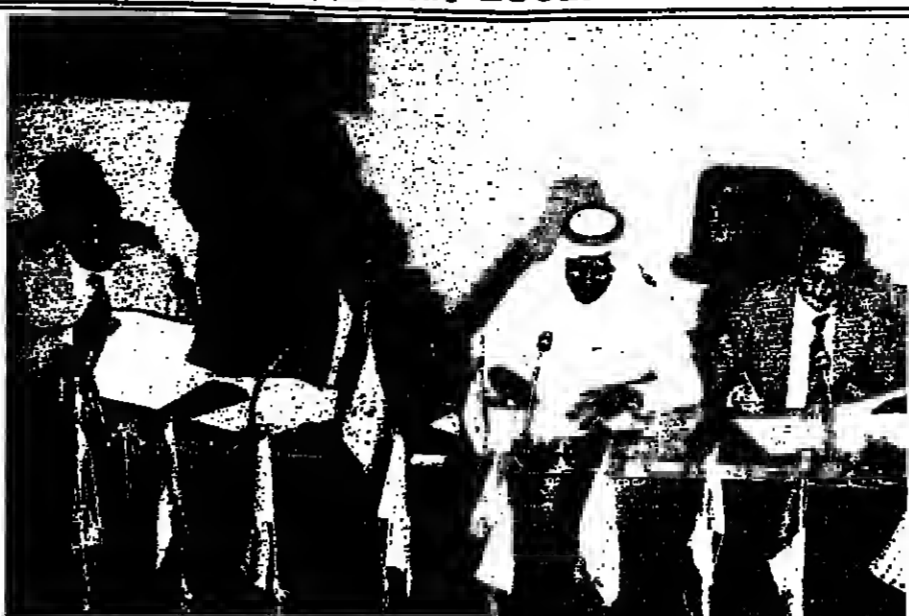
JEDDAH, March 24 (SPA) — Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal Monday opened the Jeddah branch of the Riyadh-based World Assembly of Muslim Youth (WAMY). Prince Muhammad is the president of the International Federation of Islamic Banks and president of the World Federation of International Arabo-Islamic schools.

The opening ceremony also was attended by Dr. Abdullah Nassif, the rector of King Abdul Aziz University, and Bakare Drame, assistant secretary general of the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, the chairman, the board agreed to build two ice factories in Dammam and Jizan ports. The factories will operate with a daily capacity of 30 tons each, and open branches on the Red Sea and Gulf coast.

The national fishing company has constructed modern fish markets in Dammam and Alkhobar. The company will build similar markets in the Western and Central Regions.

The Saudi Fishing company was formed by a royal decree last year. On shore, the company will establish facilities for marketing catches; at sea it will fish with its own fleet as well as "go into joint ventures with international companies" for fishing; on the high seas it will enter joint ventures for fish exploitation. The company's marketing will comprise private fisherman's catches as well as its own. The company's initial paid-up capital was SR100 million, with the option of going up to SR200 million.



LOAN: Dr. Muhammad Ali (second from right), president of the Islamic Development Bank signs an agreement with officials from North Yemen. The agreement called for the IDB to loan the country \$15 million to import oil from Kuwait. The loan also was signed by Abdul Aziz Al-Khalafi, director general of planning at the General Corporation for Oil and Mineral resources, and Abdul Aziz Sallam Sared from the Yemen Bank for Development and Reconstruction.

BRIEFS

Legal complex opened
RIYADH, March 24 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Tuesday morning opened the complex grouping all legal bodies. The compound was set up by the Ministry of Justice at Dakhnawa square for the transfer of the Sharia courts and other legal entities to Riyadh. The ministry set up similar complexes in various parts of Saudi Arabia in the past few years. The new, six-story building comprises several courts, waiting rooms, a large library and offices.

Mauritanian message delivered
RIYADH, March 24 (SPA) — A Mauritanian emissary arrived here Monday with a message for King Khaled from President Muhammad Khona Ould Haidallah. Abdul Aziz Ould Ahmad, the minister of justice and Islamic guidance, was met at the airport by Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Muhammad Al-Sheikh, the justice minister, and other officials of his ministry.

Police efforts noted
RIYADH, March 24 — All police uniforms will be standardized soon according to Interior Ministry sources. At the same time

it was decided to expand the traffic institute here to keep up with the increasing demands of the ministry for trained personnel in view of the rising number of vehicles and roads in the country.

Tabuk phone lines increase
TABUK, March 24 — More than 25,000 telephone lines were installed in this area during the last two years according to Saudi Telephone sources. A new survey is underway to extend the services to the villages and other outlying districts.

Representative in traffic seminar
KUWAIT, March 24 — A senior traffic officer from the Kingdom is taking part in a seminar about accidents and other safety rules here. The seminar was organized in order to ensure safe driving in the area and specially during the pilgrimage season, Al-Jazira reported.

Desalination increase projected
AMLAJ, March 24 — The production of desalinated water here will be raised to 205,000 gallons a day after plans were approved by the Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh. On Wednesday the minister will dedicate the Mujamaa water project which cost SR70 million and can produce up to one million gallons a day, according to Okaz.

Traffic department officials meet
RIYADH, March 24 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman Monday received Brig. Fuad Mussaed, Bahrain traffic department director. The Kuwaiti official also was received by Deputy Governor Prince Sattam. The meeting, which was also attended by Brig. Muhammad ibn Raja Al-Harbi, director of the general traffic department, reviewed relations between the two countries.

On Gulf cooperation

Fahd briefs ministers

RIYADH, March 24 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers was briefed by Crown Prince Fahd Monday on the results of the Gulf foreign ministers meeting in Oman, which prepared the way for the upcoming conference of heads of state in the Gulf Cooperation Council.

King Khaled and the brotherly Gulf states are giving the utmost attention to the project, the prince said. He added that prospects appear good, and the new body is not directed against anyone. The Gulf council's only purpose is to improve the welfare of the area, of the Arabs, of Muslims and humanity at large, he added.

In other actions, the council finalized the text of a royal decree approved a draft agreement in economic and technical cooperation between Australia and Saudi Arabia. After listening to a report by Agriculture and Water Minister Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh,

Prince Fahd spoke on the attention given the state to the ministry as "a present a future basic economic resource."

The prince said the country is trying its best to benefit from the experience of other countries, especially those having similar climate conditions. The state also encourages for research. It helps both the public and private sectors to develop agriculture. For this purpose, the state gives aid in cash and kind or the form of expertise. The prince expressed his deep satisfaction for the results already achieved regarding wheat, animal resource and dairy projects. He said "an excellent agricultural future awaits the Kingdom."

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said the council then reviewed the role played by the media in projecting the Kingdom's moderate policy toward war and Arab problems.

Islamic university plans expansion

RIYADH, March 24 — The supreme council of Riyadh University has agreed to enroll girls in its administrative science college once the regulations have been compiled. The council met under Sheikh Hassan Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education.

In another development the Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University has approved plans for expansion in the capital and other areas in addition to its new campus which will cost more than SR625 million and was awarded to a Korean firm. This will be an integrated educational and residential township complete with all the services that it requires.

Meanwhile, the student association Riyadh University held a meeting here to discuss the problems of transportation accommodations for married students. Recommendations will be transmitted to authorities.

Six senior officers of the Civil Defense Department will be sent to Britain for training in fire-fighting and life-saving according to Interior Ministry sources. They will spend 18 months before returning here to train junior personnel. A group of officers which took the same course has already returned from training in U.K.

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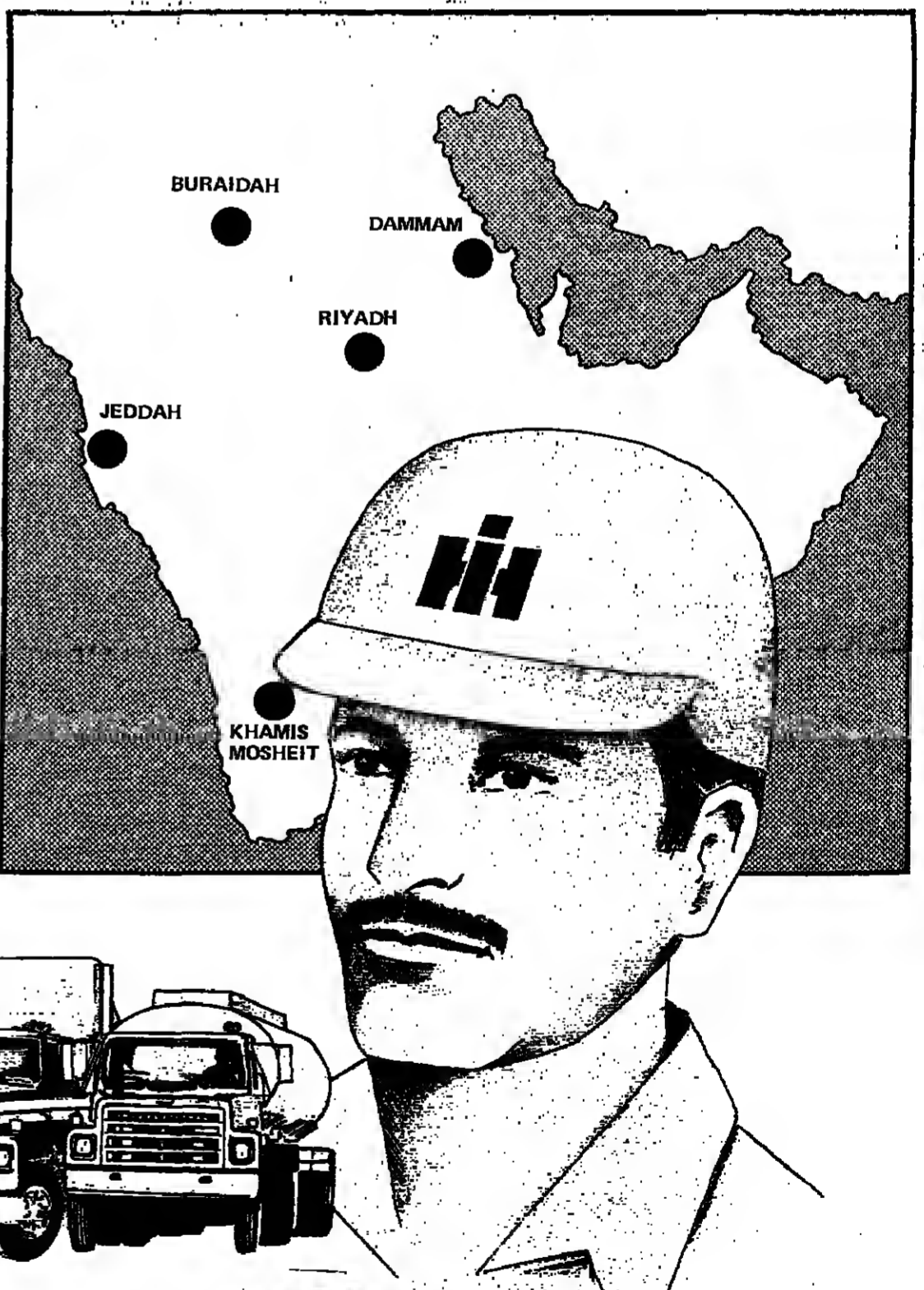


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Saudia director to receive newest 747 Sheikh Mattar to pilot maiden flight

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 24 — Sheikh Ahmed Mattar, Saudia's director general, will take delivery Monday of Saudia's first wholly-owned Boeing 747 aircraft during a ceremony outside of Seattle, Washington, in the United States.

The aircraft will be the first of 10 Boeing 747 aircraft that are due to come into service with Saudia during the next 10 years. In addition, Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States, Sheikh Faisal Al-Hegelan, will be present at the ceremony. Six of the new 747s will come into operation this summer, and initially will be employed on routes between Saudi Arabia, Europe and the Far East, a Saudia spokesman said.

Sheikh Mattar will fly the 747 back to Jeddah shortly after taking delivery of the aircraft, the source added. An official source told Arab News that a 747 Jumbo SP also will be handed to Saudia on June 20, and the aircraft will be the first of its kind with Rolls Royce engines. Saudia will begin its intercontinental route between Jeddah and New York on July 1, the source added. He said the flight's route might be extended to Houston.

However, at this time negotiations have not yet been completed.

Saudia has signed an agreement with both Boeing and Lockheed, under which the national carrier will provide the two companies with necessary funds to develop and renovate their aircraft engines. The agreement gives Saudia concession and utilization rights on improvements made by the two companies, both at national and international levels.

A Saudia source said the 747s chosen by Saudia are among the most advanced versions — the 100B, a medium/short range, high performance jetliner; and the SP (special performance), a very long-range airliner that is 47 feet shorter than the standard 747 and designed for the longest intercontinental routes such as the existing non-stop, Dhahran-New York service.

The shorter length of the 747SP means lighter weight, which results in performance advantages. The 747SP weighs 50,000 pounds less than the standard 747-11B. With the same powerful Rolls Royce engines, the 747 has less weight for each unit of power, resulting in quicker take-off, faster climb, higher initial cruising altitude and longer range.



Capt. Ahmad Khalifa Mattar



Sheikh Faisal Al-Hegelan

Both versions have the same handling characteristics for the pilots. The airliners are equipped with the latest and most complete flight instrumentation to aid the pilots, fail-safe automatic pilots which permit landings in low visibility conditions, electronic navigation.

During trade fair

Indians attempt market penetration

By Farouk Laqman and Javid Hassan

JEDDAH, March 24 — The Trade Fair Authority of India will spearhead a drive to acquaint the foreign market with the range of products available in the country as part of an overall strategy to boost foreign trade, Muhammad Yunus, chairman, Trade Fair Authority of India told Arab News Monday.

Yunus, now here for the inauguration of the Indian industrial exhibition which opened Tuesday, said 2,000 fairs are held in the world every year, although most of them are concentrated in Europe. "These are all business fairs. In Milan (Italy) they have a fair every third day. Similarly, fairs are held frequently in Brussels and Hamburg. We want to utilize these occasions to boost our exports," Yunus said.

He said the authority planned to organize 40 fairs in India featuring various aspects of production. The Authority will be organizing a furniture exhibition in Delhi on April 11 for which the Forest Institute, a government of India organization, had been asked to make a pavilion displaying all types of wood like mahogany, sheeshum, teakwood and others.

He mentioned in this connection a west European country which was buying walnut from India to promote the sale of its walnut-laminated furniture. The strategy is to paste flakes of walnut wood on ordinary timber which is used for making furniture. "But if you scratch the surface of this furniture, you know it is not walnut," Yunus said. One of the problems India is facing in the trade promotion drive was the top-sided freight structure. "I pay more for my goods to go from Bombay to Basrah which is just across the water. But when an Australian wants to send its goods, it pays less." He said this anomaly stems from the fact that the shipping trade is dominated by the western countries which are trying to create hurdles for the developing nations. "At the same time we are a poor country. We can't afford to have many ships."

Asked why it took so long for India to enter



Muhammad Yunus

the Saudi Arabian market, Yunus said the main reason was the big demand of the domestic market. Most of the goods are consumed at home and very little went out. However, the imperatives of the foreign exchange requirements had left India with no option, but to explore avenues abroad.

India, he said, has tremendous scope for

entering into joint ventures with Saudi Arabia. The country is manufacturing engineering, consumer and electronic goods, generators, water pumps, machine tools and electric appliances. Even Switzerland, with whom India maintains a technical collaboration, was importing some of these items, from India.

"Now that we are holding the exhibition we hope to get Saudi Arabia interested in our products, some of which are already in use," Yunus said.

The Indian government welcomed Arab investments and joint ventures in India and in the Gulf countries, Yunus said. He did not specify the areas of investment, but Indian officials are believed to be thinking in terms of sophisticated engineering equipment in India and intermediate industries in the Gulf. India's Finance Minister Venkataraman told Arab News last year that the government was working to simplify the regulations governing foreign investments in the country which at present put off potential investors because of their complexity.

French to organize second exhibition

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 24 — The French government decided to organize the second French Home Exhibition in the Kingdom after last year's successful display in Jeddah. The second exhibit will be held in Riyadh from April 4 to 10.

The French Foreign Economic Exhibitions Commission said in a press release Tuesday that the companies that participated in the first exhibition wished to organize a second display in another Saudi Arabian city. The companies' attitude came in line with official French efforts to further develop economic ties with the Kingdom.

The exhibition will be held at the Diyafah Exhibitions Center and opens its doors to visitors from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sixty four companies are taking part in the exhibition. The display covers home furniture and decoration, illumination, kitchen ware, house appliances and decoration plants.

The French commission has put great stress on organizing the two consecutive exhibitions in the Kingdom which is the economic life vein of the Arabian Peninsula, the press statement said. The commission expects an increase in the trade and economic relations between the two friendly countries, especially French exports to the Kingdom, the report added.

COMMENT

By Faleh Al-Sughair Al Yom

Being a pilot is considered something extraordinary, since some of us still believe that we have yet to reach a stage where we can instruct a pilot in all the international methods of aviation. A native pilot is considered a rarity, and if one is found, he will not be placed at par with an alien colleague.

This is being unjust to those who have received and are receiving training in this field and have proved their excellence in the command of planes. As a matter of fact, some officials have settled in their mind that an alien is better than a native, but time has proved that an educated and cultured native is superior to others. It is, however, his misfortune that he gets little encouragement and incentive, as a result of the "foreign" complex which the aliens create in the minds of some of us.

Our native pilot is also a victim of this complex, as our national carrier Saudia looks at him with an erroneous attitude. After the completion of his training, a native pilot gets SR5,500, while his "foreign" colleague is offered a salary exceeding SR10,000, in addition to a comfortably furnished residence.

When a native pilot is outside on duty, he has to pay for his food as Saudia only makes payment for his lodging. According to a Saudia pilot, the salary is hardly sufficient to pay the bills for his boarding. He adds that "we had expected a very suitable salary after graduation, but we found it otherwise".

Saudia's Director General Capt. Ahmed Mattar has spent considerable time in aviation and is, perhaps, well aware of the native pilot's position and his future. He has shown his keenness to do everything possible to solve the problems of any Saudia official, no matter whether he is a pilot or is in charge of some other job. I place the matter before him, in the hope that it would receive his full attention and care.

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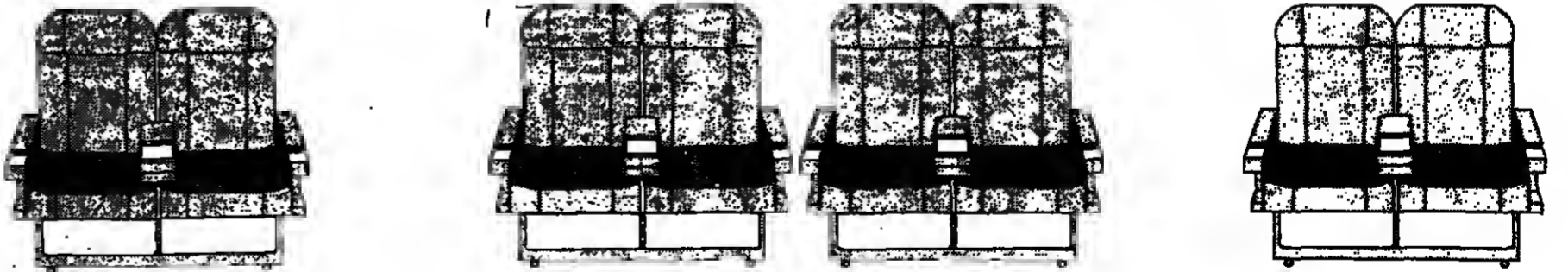
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Austria calls for alien army pullout

NEW DELHI, March 24 (AP) — Austria's Foreign Minister Willibald Pahr has called for the immediate withdrawal of alien troops from Afghanistan, Kampuchea and "occupied Arab territories" to lessen world tension. Speaking at a banquet in his honor hosted by Indian External Affairs Minister Narsimha Rao, the visiting Austrian minister expressed concern over what he described as rising tension around the world.

Pahr said the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and the six-month-old Iran-Iraq war threaten world peace and stability. Describing Indo-Austrian relations as cordial, Pahr said Monday the two countries "have enjoyed excellent cooperation in various international organizations, particularly the United Nations. Austria has supported India's initiative to declare the Indian Ocean a zone of peace."

Rao in reply told the Austrian minister: "Your policy of permanent neutrality is as much valid and meaningful in the context of your situation and perception as our own policy of nonalignment from our standpoint." Earlier, Pahr suggested that India and Austria sign an extradition treaty, an Indian government spokesman reported. Pahr arrived in India Saturday.

Pahr told Rao that their two countries also should consider an air traffic agreement. There are currently no direct commercial flights between India and Austria. Before opening official-level talks, the two ministers held discussions without aides for about 15 minutes.

Other issues which figured at the meeting were bilateral trade and the prospects of increasing economic cooperation. Pahr indicated that Austria "particularly was interested in transferring technology to India and also investing in Indian technology," the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, India said Monday its recent relations with the United States "remained on an even keel" and were marked by "mutual trust and understanding." Indian relations with the Soviet Union and the Communist camp of Eastern Europe "gained in dynamism and versatility" through the workings of various joint commissions in the past year, the government said. The statements appeared in a foreign ministry report to India's parliament.

"Both India and the United States realized the importance of working together to reduce world tensions and to achieve peace and cooperation in South Asia," the report said.



INJURED KLANSMAN: A member of the Ku Klux Klan holds his head smeared with blood and runs for shelter as he and fellow Klansman left City Hall in Meriden Saturday after they had demonstrated in support of local police. The Klan members were met by a shower of rocks and bottles as they headed out of town.

U.S. shuttle test delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, March 24 (Agencies) — U.S. space officials have delayed a critical test of the space shuttle Columbia's fuel tanks for 24 hours because of an accident which killed one technician and seriously injured another. The test will now take place Wednesday to allow revision of safety procedures, a Kennedy Space Center spokesman said.

One and a half million pounds of liquid hydrogen and oxygen will be pumped into the tank to see whether a blanket of insulation remains in place. Thirty-two insulation panels became loose after a similar test in January and had to be replaced. The launch of the shuttle, set for the week beginning April 5, is now expected to be delayed. A board investigating last week's accident is questioning employees to find out how the tragedy occurred. Six technicians were overcome, and one of them died, when they inadvertently entered the pure nitrogen atmosphere in an enclosed area around the engines inside the shuttle.

Launch director George Page said the

loading of liquid hydrogen and oxygen propellants was a "big hurdle" to be overcome before the shuttle takes its maiden 54-hour flight, now scheduled not earlier than April 8.

Chinese experiment with transplant dogs

PEKING, March 24 (AP) — A hospital in China's Hubei province has performed heart transplant experiments on 20 dogs, a prelude to transplants for human heart disease victims, a Shanghai newspaper reports. The transplanted hearts all functioned in the recipient dogs, and some of the dogs lived more than three weeks with their new hearts, said the *Wen Hui Bao*.

It said 10 of the hearts were transplanted into the abdominal cavity... two to positions beside the original heart and eight in place of the original heart. The paper said the experiments were performed by the No. 1 hospital attached to the Hubei Medical College in Wuban.

Invitation from Nyerere

Zhao to visit Tanzania

PEKING, March 24 (Agencies) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang has accepted an invitation from Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere to visit Tanzania, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported. It said the invitation came during the second round of talks between Zhao and Nyerere here. No date was set.

Zhao reaffirmed China's support for the African countries in safeguarding their independence: and developing their national economies, it added. "China belongs to the Third World. Our fundamental interests coincide with those of the Third World. We will work hard together with the other Third World countries in opposing imperialism, colonialism, hegemonism and in safeguarding world peace," Zhao said. "China will never change its existing policy toward the rest of the Third World," he added.

Peking Radio said Nyerere told Zhao Monday that what concerns the African people still is the question of their liberation, and that they are struggling to shake off the rule of colonialism and neo-colonialism. He also

U.S. war veteran floats hospital to help Africans

LA ROCHELLE, France, March 24 (AP) — A former U.S. Marine colonel, deeply moved by the plight of many children in underdeveloped countries, has purchased a French trawler and is converting it into a hospital ship that will make a tour of the African coast. "During a 21-year career, I never thought of anyone else but myself," said Ernest O'Gaffney, 43, a Vietnam veteran kept alive by a pacemaker.

"At the same time, each day on our planet, thousands of children die of cold, of hunger and without medical treatment. I wanted to do something for those innocent children." In 1979, O'Gaffney traveled around the world on a motorcycle and collected \$2 million which he distributed to children in Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. In April 1980, he undertook another motorcycle trip from north to south, returning with \$3 million which he gave to clinics in Argentina, Chile and Ecuador.

"That trip showed me the misery of children in Africa, where 20 per cent of them never reach the age of 12," O'Gaffney said. "I said to myself that something must be done." After coming out of the hospital the last time late last year, the former soldier made his decision.

He came to La Rochelle and purchased the fishing boat *Saintonge II* for 1.5 million francs (\$300,000) and renamed it the *Oceanic Hospital*. The boat, now being converted into a floating medical facility is expected to make its first voyage in June.

said the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the frontline countries around South Africa should not keep quiet about what he called South African provocations against those countries, Xinhua reported.

"We firmly support the struggle of the people of Namibia and the Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO) for national independence and liberation," Nyerere said. He arrived in Peking Sunday on his fourth visit to China. He added: "Africa will continue to adhere to the principle of nonalignment in conflicts between the superpowers."

Communist Party Vice Chairman Li Xiannian, who visited Tanzania in 1979, called on Nyerere at his guest house, Xinhua said. It said Nyerere invited him to visit again, and Li replied, "I'll be very glad to go to Africa again."

Earlier, Nyerere placed a wreath at the monument to the people's heroes in Peking's main Tiananmen Square. Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmed Salim conferred with Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua on matters of common interest, Xinhua said.

Meanwhile, former U.S. President Gerald Ford left Peking Tuesday for the southwestern city of Chongqing where he and his wife will take a two-day boat trip down the River Yangtze. Ford, who last visited China in 1975 when he was president, met Communist Party Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping and Zhao Monday and passed on undisclosed messages from President Ronald Reagan. The Fords will return to Peking Thursday and leave for Tokyo the following day.

Mitterrand criticised by Marchais


PARIS, March 24 (R) — French presidential candidate Georges Marchais has said his Communist Party would never back a wholly-Socialist government led by Francois Mitterrand, his former ally. Marchais, making his first television appearance of the presidential campaign Monday night, bit back at Mitterrand's statement in a broadcast last week that the Socialists if elected would form a government without the Communists.

"Who will he govern with? asked Marchais, whose four-year electoral pact with Mitterrand broke down in acrimony in 1977. "We will not support a government in which we have no part."

Latest opinion polls give Mitterrand some 25 per cent and Marchais 15 per cent in a first round vote, a result which would seem likely to produce a run-off between Mitterrand and President Valery Giscard d'Estaing. Polls for the second round put Mitterrand virtually level with Giscard but relying on the Communists for a large proportion of his support.

Marchais made it clear that Mitterrand could not count on an automatic transfer of the Communist vote to the Socialists, as he had done in previous years. "If Mitterrand is elected, he must immediately form a government consisting of Socialists and Communists," he said.

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Bullfighter kidnapped

Terrorists behead eight Guatemalans

GUATEMALA CITY, March 24 (AP) — Identified terrorists beheaded eight persons in the western province of Chimaltenango and killed a police officer in the capital, a prominent Guatemalan bullfighter and leftist guerrillas clashed with police arding an electric power substation, thorties have said.

In Coatepeque, about 140 miles southeast the capital, a prominent Guatemalan bullfighter was kidnapped. And gunmen in the pit killed at least three persons connected

with the national security forces, according to police reports, Monday.

Judicial authorities in Chimaltenango province said unknown assassins Monday killed seven persons, including one woman, in the village of Yerahuena, about 33 miles west of here. They said the killers cut the heads off their victims.

In an apparently related incident, police in the small town of San Andres Iapa, about 20 miles west of here in Chimaltenango, reported finding the body of a young man who they said had apparently been hanged first and then decapitated. No group claimed responsibility for the slayings.

A police spokesman in San Martin Jilotepeque, Chimaltenango, said guerrillas Sunday attacked security forces guarding an electrical power substation. The guerrillas were repelled and no deaths or injuries were reported, the spokesman said.

In the capital late Sunday, unidentified gunmen on the eastern end of the city shot and killed Carlos Armando Aguilar, a national police agent, police spokesmen said. They said two men identified as collaborators with the armed forces died in a similar attack in a residential area on the south side of the capital.

No individual or group claimed responsibility for either of the killings but given the victims' ties to security forces observers said they seemed to be the work of one of the leftist groups operating here. Authorities in the southeastern town of Coatepeque said 33-year old Domiciano Avelardez Galda, a bullfighter, was kidnapped Saturday by two men.

Authorities refused to say whether police had leads to the kidnapers' identities or if family members or friends had been contacted for ransom.

Appeal in Peron case

BUENOS AIRES, March 24 (R) — Argentina's federal attorney has appealed against an eight-year prison sentence on former President Maria Estela Peron insisting on his demand for a 12-year term, court sources have said. Mrs. Peron was convicted Friday on two charges of embezzlement and sentenced to six months more than would have been required for her to be eligible for immediate release.

Bogota suspends ties with Havana

BOGOTA, Colombia, March 24 (AP) — Colombian President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala announced Monday night that he suspended diplomatic relations with Cuba and recalled his diplomats, citing Cuba's insistence in "interfering in the internal affairs of our country."

"Colombia, which has relations with all capitalist countries, is forced by reasons that have nothing to do with the Cuban government's ideology, but by its hostile behavior, to suspend from today its relations with the government of President Fidel Castro due to reasons chargeable only to that country," said Turbay Ayala in a speech carried on national radio and television.

"The Cuban diplomatic personnel — eight functionaries — should return to their country in "a discreet period," said the president, who also charged that there are plans for external aggression against the South American countries.

"We have been involved in an offensive that seemed to have chosen as its victims Central America and the Caribbean. However, today we see with annoyance and worry that the geographical orbit has widened, while we are unable to point out its limits, but as we understand what has happened in Colombia, we should warn our neighbors," said Turbay Ayala.

He charged Cuba with training and arming a group of over 80 guerrillas which early this month entered Colombia, but were captured by Colombian and quadorean soldiers.

Thatcher asks for spy report

LONDON, March 24 (R) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will make a full statement in Parliament Thursday about allegations that the late Sir Roger Hollis, a former head of Britain's counter-espionage service, might have been a Soviet agent, her office said Monday night. Sir Roger was director-general of the service, known as MI5, from 1956 and died in 1973.

British journalist Chapman Pincher, who exposed several security scandals when he was defense correspondent of *The Daily Express*, made the allegations in *The Daily Mail* Monday. Mrs. Thatcher has ordered a full report on the allegations, informed sources said.

George Young, retired deputy director of MI5, said Pincher's claims were "all supposition" and contained "very little basic fact."

Meanwhile, Moscow Radio Monday night mocked at the report of high level spying in Britain's security services and said it had been cooked up to spur on the arms race and other anti-Soviet moves. The radio in an English-language broadcast monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation, said that "this concoction about Hollis has come at the right time."

New role for Bush

Senator calls for draft

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP) — The U.S. Congress has been asked to reinstitute a military draft because "the all-volunteer approach has been a failure" that discriminates against the poor and black and falls short of providing enough troops.

Sen. Ernest Hollings, Democrat-South Carolina, introducing legislation to establish a draft with limited deferments and exemptions, said Monday that without a draft "our nation's defense burden would rest with the poor, the black and the disadvantaged."

In addition, he said, armed services recruiting fell short of requirements by about 23,000 people. He said the Army missed its target by 17,000 and the Air Force by 1,500.

Hollings' bill would reinstitute draft authority for men from 18 through 22. They would be required to serve nine months, which would be devoted to basic training. Hollings said he chose not to apply the draft to women, "although personally I think it should be across the board," because that question is still being debated by the public and the courts.

Those in high school would be deferred until they graduate, but in no case beyond age 20. Those in college could continue studying until the end of the semester or, if in their senior year, until the end of the school year.

The bill now goes to the Senate Armed Services Committee, dominated by conservatives who are believed to favor a return to the draft. U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger have said they prefer the all-volunteer

approach.

In an unrelated development, Vice President George Bush will take charge of White House strategy for dealing with sudden foreign policy crises, White House press secretary James Brady said Monday. Bush, an ex-director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and a former envoy to China and the United Nations, will head a new structure in the White House National Security Council, Brady said.

The role is unprecedented for a vice president, whose function has generally been limited to domestic policy. Crisis management in the past has been the responsibility of the president's national security adviser, who frequently coordinated moves by U.S. intelligence and the State and Defense Departments.

Brady said he expected to issue a statement later this week explaining the decision, but other officials said Secretary of State Alexander Haig remained the president's chief foreign policy adviser, with Bush playing a crucial role whenever the need arose.

The officials refused to say if Bush's appointment was a move to sort out what has been perceived as disarray in the national security apparatus since Reagan took office two months ago.

Remarks by a senior State Department official who told reporters that the press was overplaying the U.S. role in Salvador were rejected last week by a White House spokesman.

Czechoslovakia arrests rebels

PRAGUE, March 24 (AP) — Dissident sources have said between 20 and 30 Czechoslovak dissidents were arrested here last week as part of a campaign to silence them during the upcoming party congress. All of the dissidents were detained briefly and released after they had been warned not to provoke disturbances, the sources said.

According to reports reaching here Monday, the dissidents included an unnamed former member of the editorial board of *Rude Pravo*, the Czechoslovak Communist Party newspaper, and Jiri Nemec, a founding member of Charter 77, Czechoslovakia's dissident group.

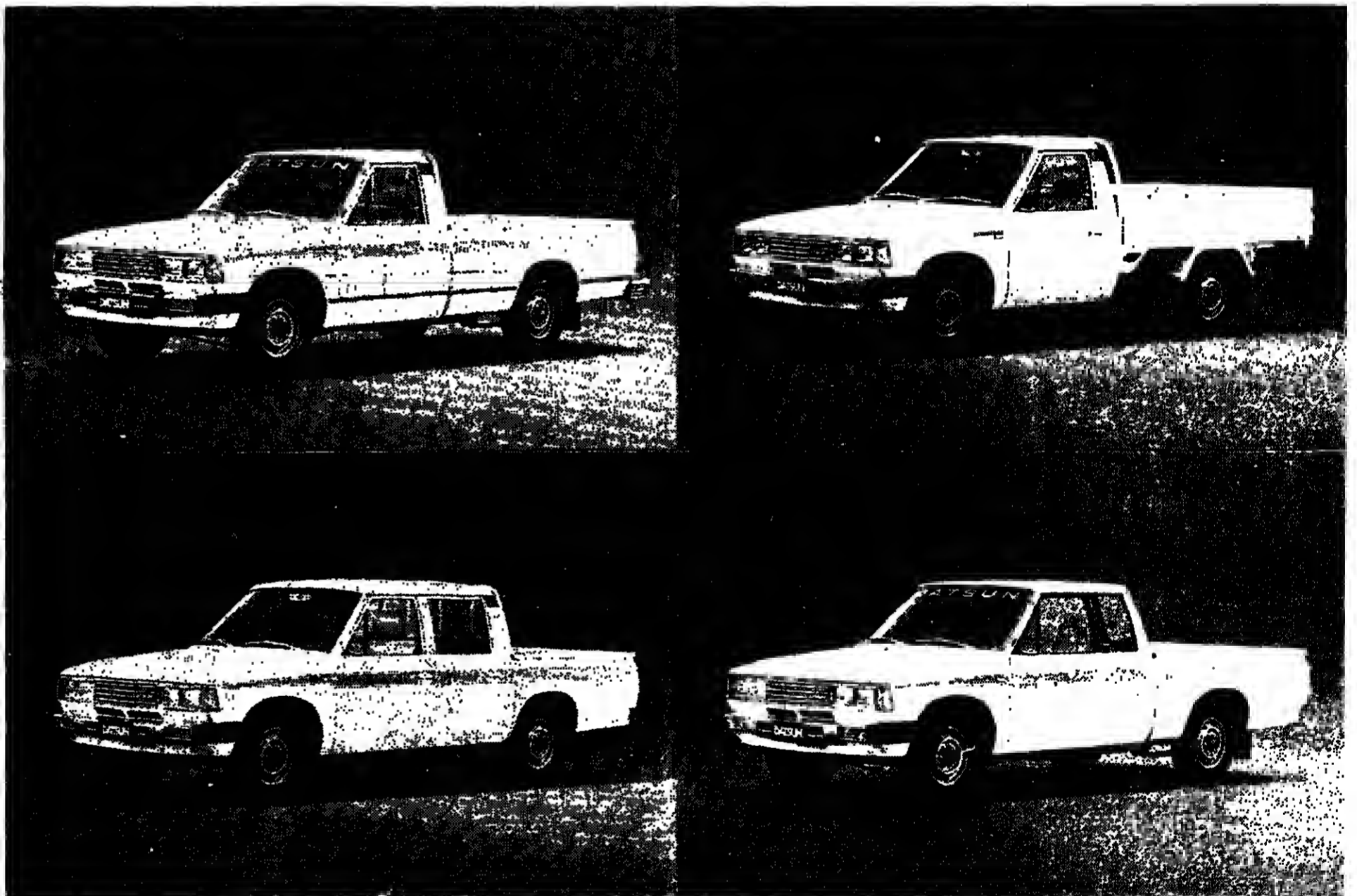
Others arrested were "students and younger people," a source said. The Czechoslovak Communist Party's Congress is scheduled for April 6-11 in Prague. Sources said they had expected an increase in government "harassment" of Charter 77 members in Prague before the opening of the Party Congress.

Adm. McCain dies

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP) — Adm. John McCain, Jr., commander in chief of U.S. Pacific forces at the height of the Vietnam war, died Sunday of a heart attack, a family spokesman said. McCain, 70, died aboard a military aircraft returning from Europe, where he had been participating in awards ceremonies.

Funeral services with military honors will be held Friday. McCain will be buried next to his father, who also was a four-star admiral.

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IRANIAN SCENE

Orders from Ayatollah Khomeini banning all political demonstrations and meetings, as well as inflammatory speeches, have the object of enforcing a truce on the struggle between the Iranian president, Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, and the Islamic Republican Party in which the country's militant clergy are organized, and which almost monopolizes the positions of power in present-day Iran.

First impressions were that the Ayatollah's orders reflected his support for the beleaguered president or, at best, that it showed Khomeini's continuing his balancing act between the two sides. But the fact that the president's side has such meetings and speeches as almost the only weapon in its arsenal, given the IRP's control of both Majlis (parliament) and cabinet, tends to show that it will lose more than it gains from such a truce.

The struggle between Bani-Sadr and his opponents has indeed reached such a degree of sharpness that there are rumors that his personal safety is in danger. A current remark in Tehran is that he spends so much time on the battle front because it is much safer for him than Tehran.

Ayatollah Khomeini's dilemma is that, although he generally wants to see the clergy in power in Iran, he has reason to distrust some of their leaders. He also knows that allowing them to oust Bani-Sadr would dangerously restrict the popular base of the regime. Bani-Sadr, for his part, hampered by lack of organization for his supporters, has nevertheless been pressing on with his fight for a more moderate and modern-minded leadership, enlisting to ward this end the support of some erstwhile opponents such as Dr. Bazargan, revolutionary Iran's first prime minister.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

A majority of newspapers Tuesday led with a report on the weekly meeting of the Council of Ministers which was chaired by Crown Prince Fahd, who reiterated that the Gulf Cooperation Council does not represent any bloc against anyone but aims at working for the welfare of humanity at large. Meanwhile, *Al-Yom* gave lead coverage to a statement by Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani who refuted Zionist media claims that Saudi Arabia's stances are incompatible with its aims and policies.

Newspapers from the arrival of British Defense Secretary John Nott on a three-day official visit to the Kingdom to hold talks with senior officials on bilateral cooperation in military affairs. In a prominent front-page story, *Al-Yom* reported that top West German businessmen have warned Chancellor Helmut Schmidt against refusing any Saudi Arabian request for the sale of German arms. *Al-Jazirah* reported in a page one story that India's Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi will pay a visit to Saudi Arabia in April.

Newspaper editorials discussed the 75th session of the Arab League Council which began in Tunis Monday, giving prominence to the Kingdom's role in it. *Okaz* said that Saudi Arabia would use all its weight in this session to settle Arab differences. Referring to the Gulf Cooperation Council, the paper said it came into being in a spirit of the Arab League charter which calls for the reinforcement of cooperation among the Arab states. The Kingdom takes part in the current session at a time



Famine hits 40 million Chinese

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON — Famine has hit more than 40 million Chinese, and for the first time in its history, the People's Republic has appealed for international disaster relief.

After visiting the hunger area in central China's Hebei and Hubei provinces, a United Nations expert said the situation was "very serious". According to a U.N. team just back from China, out of 23 million people in Hebei who have been "materially damaged" by drought, storms, and hail, 14 million are short of food. About 4,500,000 tons of grain has been lost in the province.

In Hubei, the investigators estimated the number hit by hunger at 20 million, and said the grain shortfall was about two million tons. The U.N. team said China will need 1,500,000 tons of food from abroad for the hungry peasants of Hebei and Hubei. Peking has sought out the European Common Market as a source of aid, but in Brussels, it is reported that only 2,000 tons of milk powder and 800 tons of cooking oil will be made available, despite the EEC's mountain of surplus food.

The main cause of the catastrophe is the worst weather for 60 years, a disastrous combination of drought and flood. The situation has been critical since the autumn, when it was revealed that Hubei had fallen back on the traditional emergency measure of absorbing wide areas from taxation and procurement quotas.

In October, peasants in some parts of Hubei abandoned the land, leaving no one behind for the autumn harvest and sowing. Disaster victims were sheltering under canvas while the provincial governor appealed to the state for help. In Hebei, hungry peasants were said to be short-weighting grain to

avoid meeting the state's requirements. What the reports do not say is that natural disasters alone did not produce the famine. Nature's blows were hardened by administrative failure.

Back in July last year, a local reporter in Hebei noted that the weather had been appalling but drew attention to one of the most significant casualties of the cultural revolution: an entire generation of agricultural scientists and technologists. As a result, the writer alleged, Hebei lagged behind in scientific growing and management. Variations in soil and temperature and in fertilizer requirements received inadequate attention. Agricultural cadres, the generation trained to place politics above expertise,

were unable to provide leadership in the crisis. In Hubei, a prefectural party secretary blamed cadres "blinded by leftist" for their inability to respond to new situations, while far to the north, in drought-threatened Liaoning province, a newspaper attacked "ideological obstructionism, lukewarm attitudes and rampant complacency for allowing the reservoirs to dwindle."

In Hebei, even in times of plenty, agricultural policies have been a stumbles. In November, the *People's Daily* claimed that from 1971 to 1978 high taxes and extensive state quotas had compelled peasants to abandon cash crops such as cotton, on which they depended for reasonable income.

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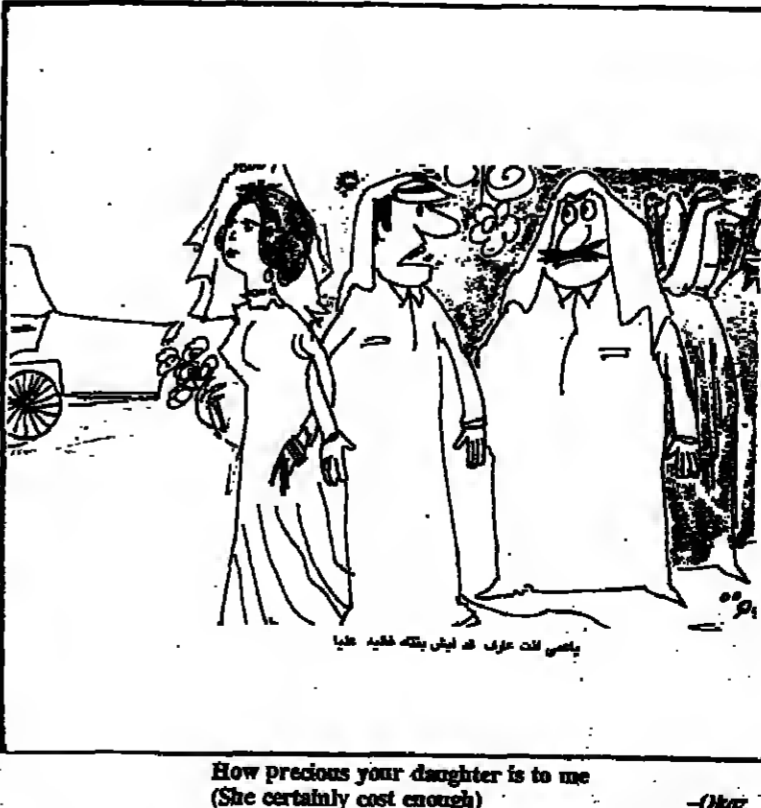
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Struggle for revitalization by Nicaragua

By Colin Nseweny

MANAGUA — Under mounting economic and political pressures, the revolutionary government of Nicaragua is struggling to revitalize the still-devastated country without compromising its leftist aims.

The long and bloody insurrection that toppled Gen. Asastasio Somoza two years ago left Nicaragua shattered by the conflict and burdened by a huge foreign debt. The size of the challenge still facing Nicaragua's leaders is highlighted by last year's gross domestic product, which barely reached the level of 1976.

"Our problems are undeniably serious, but provided we continue to receive aid from abroad they can be solved," said one official of the dominant Sandinist Party. Adding to the government's headaches, the United States recently suspended \$15 million in credits after accusing Nicaragua of helping arm guerrillas in neighboring El Salvador.

Washington said no more loans would be offered until it was certain no arms were passing through Nicaragua and also expressed concern about the Sandinists' declared aim of building a 50,000-strong army. The Sandinists have denied complicity in the alleged fun-running or training of insurgents and saw the move as an excuse by the new U.S. administration to flex its muscles in central America. They say the army is to "protect the revolution."

"We had no problems with Jimmy Carter but since Ronald Reagan came to power, we have seen aggressive and irresponsible people take over the State Department," said Julio Lopez, chief foreign affairs spokesman of the Sandinist Party.

Part of the suspended credit was scheduled for the purchase of U.S. wheat and anti-American feelings ran high last week when the government announced it had only about a month's wheat supplies left. "Our people must have bread but we will not be pressured politically by the United States," Lopez told Reuters.

But Lopez and other officials appeared confident that America's allies would not follow the U.S. line. "We have received assurances since the U.S. began its campaign against us that our friends abroad will not cut loans or trade," Lopez said. Foreign Trade Minister Alejandro Martinez Cuenca echoed this view and said countries such as Canada, Mexico and West European states appeared only too willing to help in the continued rebuilding of Nicaragua.

The Sandinist leadership has become much more wary of the United States since Reagan, whom many suspect would like to sabotage their revolution, took power in January. "The deterioration in U.S. Nicaraguan relations was not prompted by any change of direction in our policies," said Lopez. "It is merely the return of American nostalgic dreams to dominate all of Latin America."

While admitting it was possible that arms had been supplied to the guerrillas through Nicaragua without the government's knowledge, government officials here say they do not intend persecuting any Salvadoran "comrades" found in Nicaragua.

Lopez said he estimated that between 6,000 and 9,000 followers of the late dictator were being trained in nearby countries such as Honduras. He said there were also many in Florida. Asked if he thought the United States would attempt to topple the Sandinists, Lopez said: "Judging by what people (in the U.S. government) have written, I would say it was possible they will try this."

In an apparent attempt to improve relations, Nicaragua has just appointed Dr. Arturo Cruz, a U.S. educated conservative banker, ambassador to Washington. A widely respected figure who has kept a dialogue open between the Sandinists and the private sector representatives in the government, Dr. Cruz said he would have substantial discretionary powers in his new post.

"I am not going to Washington as a mere errand boy and I hope to help regain the former good relations between our countries," he said.

Dr. Cruz, a member of the ruling junta before accepting the Washington post, said he could best serve his country as ambassador. He added that his departure would not strengthen the power grip of the Sandinists, many of whom are Marxists. The junta was reduced from five to three members earlier this month in a move which the Sandinists said would facilitate decision-making.

"I have great loyalty to the revolution and strongly believe in its objectives of social reform and the creation of a pluralist society," Dr. Cruz said. "I hope the United States will respect our rights as I cannot believe that Nicaragua constitutes any threat to the Americans, either covertly or overtly," he said.

Meanwhile, the constant Sandinist vigilance against "counter-revolutionaries" appears to have been stepped up.

Last week, Interior Minister Tomas Borge said the army had uncovered a number of arms caches which he believed were destined for "those forces that want to destabilize our country."

Last year, a leading member of the private sector was killed in a gun-battle with the army after he was alleged to have been fun-running for anti-Sandinist forces. The tension between the Sandinists and other political parties and business representatives shows no signs of abating.

But the Sandinist leaders, who have promised a general election by 1985 deny opposition charges that they are trying to create a one-party state. "We have no ideological model. Our aim for the revolution is to create democracy, pluralism and a mixed economy" a leading Sandinist official said.

Dr. Cruz shares the view that free and fair elections will take place within the next five years, although he admitted that the internal strife was worrying.

But many private sector leaders, worried by Nicaragua's flagging economy do not share the confidence of Dr. Cruz. One business leader, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters: "All the Sandinists have to do is plant a few rifles in the back of my car and announce the capture of another so-called counter-revolutionary."

"There is a crisis of confidence and credibility at the moment and soon the government must decide where to go for credit to see out this year, which is already shaping up pretty badly," he told Reuters.

Last year, Nicaragua's foreign trade deficit was \$317 million and most financial sources here said that this year's scheduled \$185 million deficit is highly optimistic.

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The changing face of Bahrain

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the second of two articles on Bahrain. The first appeared Tuesday.

By Jean Grant

MANAMA — Famed for its ancient ruins, Bahrain also has fine beaches and large pockets of greenery to offer the tourist uninterested in archeology. The word "Bahrain" after all, means *two seas* in Arabic. The island was so named for the sea around it, and the sea within. Villagers swim in the emerald waters of the 20-foot-deep Adari pool. The authorities have posted a sign which forbids using the pool's waters for washing cars, but villagers still scrub their carpets with its sweet waters.

The Adari pool means "pool of the virgin".

The legend behind the name has it that a handsome prince mounted on a white stallion once glimpsed a maiden afar on the sands. Entranced by her beauty, he wished to marry her forthwith. "But I cannot," he sternly told her, "unless you are a virgin." "Sir, I am!" said the damsel. Insisting on a test, the doubter said, "Stick your little toe in this sand, and if you are a virgin, water will spring forth." And, so the legend goes, pure water bubbled up as the girl pressed her toe into the sand.

It is the island's many springs which account for the green pockets where alfalfa sprouts between the serried palms. To visit the basket — weavers you pass under a dense foliage along a path of beaten earth. And what a pleasure it is to tread the damp dark earth instead of the prevalent sand. At the

end of the path wait the basket-weavers, working outside in the sunlight: nearby is their *barasti*, a palm-leaf hut. Twenty years ago all villages were built of barastis, all villages were built of barastis. Not a single nail goes into their construction of these splendid huts. First the framework of mangrove poles is thatched with bundles of palm leaves. Then the roof is formed of two layers of palm-leaf mats. With its four square walls and pointed roof, the barasti looks like the archetypal child's drawing of a house, its dim interior airy and welcoming in summer.

Driving from one tourist attraction to another on the island is now relaxed although some Bahrainis fear that when the causeway is built, container trucks will come barreling down the pipeline-bordered roads. Drivers may notice comical structures on the road; they look as if they had been imported straight from Disneyland. I noticed one painted bright yellow with brown spots, like a legless giraffe. It seesawed back and forth more like a teeter-totter in an adventure playground, than a device to pump oil which was how our guide identified it.

Traffic circles add a playful touch to the practical control of traffic. Toyotas and Daiisuns swerve around these bowers where hollyhocks and sunflowers bloom. Hedges are pruned and shaped to make shady roofs over benches; in the roodabout near Sheikh Issa's palace, the topiary reflects the ruler's love of horses: the shrubs have been clipped and trimmed into equestrian shapes. Tourists can view the outside of the royal residence which is bright and cheerful rather than pompous and dreary. Bougainvillea cascades down its white walls between the blue shutters and a traditional Arabio windtower soars beyond the palace dome.

Shoppers soon find Jashnams Department Store. Although it boasts the world's most exclusive brand names, it has an old-fashioned air to it, rather like a country general store for the elite. Around the corner at *Habitat*, the English furniture design store, earthenware mixing bowls and solar-powered music boxes are available. Most tourists, however, head for the suq to find gold replicas of the famous Dilmun seals and pearls of course, rose-colored or toothy-white, in lovely irregular shapes as well as classic rounds.

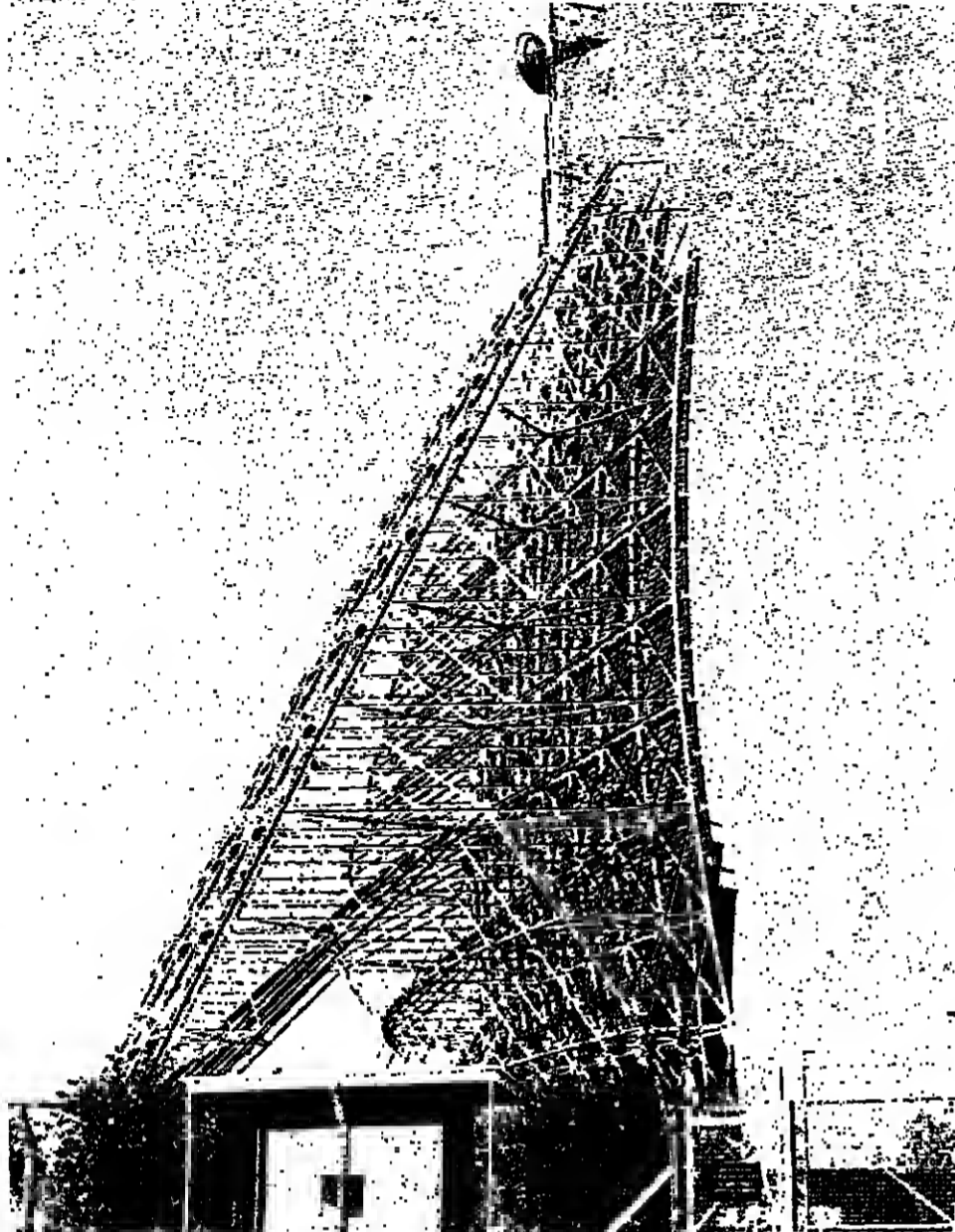
Not surprisingly, the tourist from Saudi Arabia finds that Bahrain has much in common with the mainland Kingdom: religion, climate, language and culture. Bahrain has a drydock, a refinery, and an aluminium smelter. Dig up, tear down, and build, build, build seems to be the refrain of this island where little is allowed to remain in one state for long. Like the Khobar-Dammam coastline, the land, formerly under water along Manama's rim, has been reclaimed and now skyscrapers sprout upon it. Luxury hotels abound, often half-empty. Even the little town of Awali with its boogalows reminds the Saudi Arabian visitor of the Aramco compound in Dhahran.



CAPITAL: An aerial view of Manama, the capital of Bahrain



LIVELIHOOD: Some villagers in Bahrain still earn their livelihood by weaving baskets. A villager is seen here weaving a basket.



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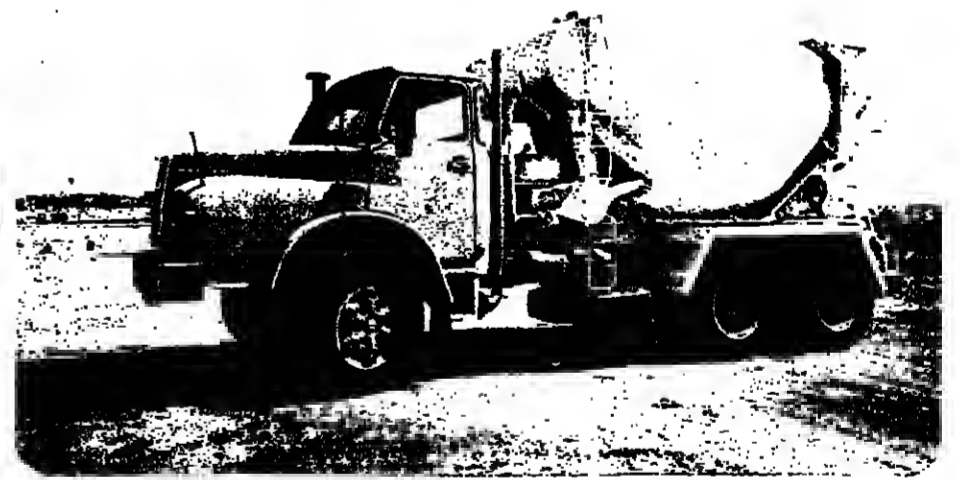
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Ray Floyd strikes it rich

PONTE VERDA BEACH, Florida, March 24 (AP) — Veteran Ray Floyd scored a one-putt par on the first hole of a sudden-death Monday and won the storm-delayed tournament Players Championship Cup and one of the biggest payoffs in the history of golf.

In addition to the \$72,000 first prize for the victory in the annual championship of golf's touring players, Floyd collected a \$250,000 bonus prize as the winner of two consecutive tournaments. Floyd won the Doral-Eastern Open in Miami last week.

Barry Jaeckel and Curtis Strange, who had tied Floyd for the top spot at 285-3 under par — at the end of the regulation 72 holes — each bogeyed the first playoff hole, the par-3 15th at the Sawgrass Golf Links.

Each missed the green and each missed from about five feet on a par putt that would have extended the playoff. Floyd also missed the green but got his second shot to within two feet of the flag and



THE CHAMP: Veteran Ray Floyd, who bagged a bonus winning two consecutive tournaments, urges in a birdie putt, dropped the winning putt.

Floyd came from six shots off the pace with a last-round 68. Strangesbota 70 and Jaeckel finished with a 74.

To tour South Africa

IRFU names 26-man squad

LONDON, March 24 (AFP) — Another strong indication of the Irish Rugby Football Union's determination to send a team to South Africa in May and June despite massive criticism, was given Monday when a 26-strong touring squad was named.

Amid raging controversy over the merits and demerits of the tour, the Irish selectors have named ten uncapped players in a squad which has been badly hit by the defections of the country's leading players.

David Irwin, the talented Queen's center has decided after all to accept an invitation to tour.

Irwin, who played in all four home internationals this season, stated last week that he

would be unable to travel because of medical examinations, he also suggested that pressure to turn down the offer of touring was put on him by the Queen's University Students Union.

Shortly after this declaration, his older brother Alan, who is also a medical student, announced that he would be available to go if picked and has been chosen.

The selectors were left in a difficult situation with a number of players making themselves unavailable for moral and for business reasons.

These included full back Hugo MacNeill, Tony Ward, Donal Spring and Moss Keane, who opted out of the tour on moral grounds.

'Matilda' mascot for Games

BRISBANE, Australia March 24 (AP) — The 1982 Commonwealth Games organizers Monday introduced the games mascot, a kangaroo named "Matilda" and she immediately hopped into controversy.

At a news conference, the organizers announced they have given the contract for making up to 250,000 soft toy versions of "Matilda" to an American company, Dakin International of San Francisco, California.

The same company made "Mischa", the cuddly bear mascot of the Moscow Olympics. A leading labor opposition politician

declared the deal offensive to all Australians when it was announced the "Matilda" dolls would be made in Korea.

"Thousands of people will come to Brisbane for the Games, and the first thing they will buy is a Korean-made kangaroo," said Tom Burns, a member of parliament. "Surely we have the skills and resources to make a stuffed toy."

The Games officials said they had approached Australian manufacturers about making the "Matilda" toys, but none was interested.

To retain title Cattouse stops McCabe

GLASGOW, March 24 (AFP) — Ray Cattouse made a successful first defence of his British lightweight championship here Monday night, stopping home fighter Dave McCabe with only 27 secs of the 15-round fight remaining.

It would have mattered little had the battered McCabe survived to the end of a grueling contest, for Welsh referee James Brimmell, had 28-year-old Cattouse comfortably ahead when he stepped in to save the challenger from further punishment.

McCabe, 22, who was stopped with a cut in the eighth round when ahead on points in the previous encounter between the two men for the vacant title last March, only came to life after sustaining a nick above his right eye in the ninth round.

Until that point the local favourite had virtually worn holes in the canvas while backpeddling furiously and expending needless energy as Cattouse picked him off with left jabs from the center of the ring.

Meanwhile, Tony Sibson's European middleweight title fight against the Spaniard,

Andoni Amana, will go ahead until the Spaniard promoter has deposited the purse money with the European Boxing Union.

The British Boxing Board on Control have insisted on a deposit because of the size of the purse, and as a result of the long running dispute with the Spanish Boxing Federation.

The row began in June 1978 when the British Board withheld part of a purse for what they deemed an unsatisfactory performance of Antonio Guinaldo against J.M. Watt in a European lightweight championship fight in Glasgow.

The Spaniards hit back by keeping part of the late Jonny Owen's purse when he went to Spain to challenge for the European bantamweight title. The Spaniards eventually paid after British protests. Most recently, when a Spanish challenger came to Dublin to fight Charlie Nash for the lightweight title, the Spaniards insisted that the purse be deposited in advance.

British Board secretary Ray Satt and Billy Aird are still owned money by a Spanish promoter.

Pervaiz slams century

JEDDAH, March 24 — The match of champions, Friday, saw Pak Saudi, the Binzager B & H champions, beat Red Sea, the Alireza champions, by six wickets and so inflict on Red Sea its first defeat this season.

Red Sea won the toss and chose to bat first. Bari (41) and Ajit (17) put together a sound 55-run partnership before the first wicket fell, but the arrival of Amin into the Pak attack brought a spate of quick wickets, Amin claimed figures of 5 for 17 to bring the score to 101 for 6. Determined inings from Khalil (34) and Nafam (24) took Red Sea to a more respectable score but some fine bowling from Pervaiz (2 for 25) saw them all out for 180.

Red Sea could well have felt they had a reasonable change at this stage but had no way of forecasting the magnificent inings of man-of-the-match Pervaiz.

Thirteen fours and three sixes brought him his first century this season and took Pak Saudi past the Red Sea total. Pervaiz was supported by Irfan (16) and Sabri (27) while Habib (2 for 7) was Red Sea's only bowling

success.

Cricket fans can now look forward to the first inter-city match to be played in Jeddah between a combined Jeddah side and one from Riyadh. Scheduled for April 3, the match will start at 9.00 a.m.

Petromin has it easy

DHAHRAN, March 24 — Petromin scored a fluent victory over Aramco-Abqaiq in the Eastern Province Cricket League sponsored by Petromin at the Petromin Oval Friday.

Put to bat, Aramco-Abqaiq scored 180 for three wickets in 35 overs, thanks to a second-wicket partnership of 97 runs between Masood (46) and Shabid (76 not out). In reply, Petromin hit the required runs for victory at the expense of seven wickets.

The highlight of Petromin's total was a splendid unbeaten 59 by Humayoon Iqbal and a fighting 45 by Iqbal Merchant. The bowler to catch the eye was Aramco-Abqaiq's Saqib who claimed three wickets for 29 runs.

BRIEFS

HEMPSTEAD, Hertfordshire, (AFP) — A second British former world motorcycling champion, George O'Dell died Monday in dramatic circumstances. The burnt body of O'Dell a former champion was recovered from a blazing house in which he held four people hostages for six hours.

LUSAKA, (AFP) — Eamonn D'Arcy of Ireland returned a five-under-par 68 to lift the £6,000 first prize in the Cock of the North Diamond Jubilee Golf Champion-

ship here Sunday.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, (AFP) — New Zealand cricket stars Richard Hadlee and Geoff Howarth will not be playing their cricket overseas next summer. The New Zealand Cricket Council has made them a coaching offer after a special grant from the country's sports foundation to set up a new coaching scheme. The pair will direct the coaching program aided by a \$20,000 grant from the foundation.



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In NCAA basketball

LSU wrests final four berth

By Cynthia Stanley

HOUSTON, March 24 — Weekend basketball action in the NCAA narrowed the field down to four teams who will begin battling it out in the semifinal in Philadelphia.

Louisiana State University (LSU) successfully defeated Wichita State's Wheatshockers 96-85 to become the last team to qualify for the final four, the Tigers' first NCAA final four berth in 28 years.

LSU's Durand Macklino, named Southeast Conference player of the year, collected game highs of 21 points and 10 rebounds in only 30 minutes of action to spur the Tigers.

Fourth-ranked LSU will face seventh-ranked Indiana next Saturday the Indiana Hoosiers came away with a 78-46 victory over St. Joseph last Sunday to advance to the semi-finals. Ray Tolbert and Landon Turner provided the muscle and Isaiah Thomas applied the moxie to send the Hoosiers into their fifth final four appearance.

Thomas had 12 assists and eight points to spearhead an Indiana offense that has grown rich with efficiency. The loss ended the Cinderella story of St. Joseph, whose stunning 49-48 upset of top-ranked DePaul in the sub-regionals got them as far as Indiana. "We were hoping at the outset to spread their defense," said St. Joseph's coach, Jim Lynam, "but Indiana's such a terrific defensive team, baskets are hard to come by."

Playing coach Bobby Knight's traditional man-to-man defense, the Hoosiers never allowed St. Joseph to execute its plan. The Indiana defenders so beleaguered St. Joe's that the Hawks found themselves down by 16 points with the game less than 17 minutes old.

Also competing next Saturday, in Philadelphia in the final four will be North Carolina and Virginia. North Carolina put away Kansas State 82-68 last weekend to put themselves into the semi-finals. North Carolina's coach, Dean Smith, felt the game was one of the better ones played by his team. "I think we played one of the better, if not the very best game of the year," Smith said.

The Cavaliers, 28-3, will meet West Regional Champion North Carolina, 28-7.

Virginia stayed alive in the tournament by coming back from a halftime deficit (31-28) for the ninth time this season and the third consecutive time in the tournament.

In NBA action over the weekend, Earvin Johnson drove for a basket with one second remaining to give the Los Angeles Lakers, who battled from 17 points behind, a 120-118 victory over the Golden State Warriors.

Los Angeles trailed 93-76 after being outscored 28-12 in the first eight minutes of the third quarter, but the Lakers were behind by only 99-89 entering the last period. They went ahead for the first time in the second half when a shot by Johnson made the score 114-112 with 2:09 remaining.

San Antonio's George Gervin scored 29 points to lead his team to a 197-99 win over San Diego that virtually killed the Clippers' hopes of gaining the playoffs.

David Greenwood scored 23 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 109-103 victory over the Detroit Pistons. The Bulls, who won their fifth straight game and 10th of their last 12, opened the game as though they would have an easy time with the lowly Pistons. Greenwood hit 12 points as Chicago took a 33-26 first-quarter lead. The Bulls maintained that

lead throughout the second quarter, leading 56-48 at the half.

In Phoenix, Arizona, Truck Robinson scored 22 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the Phoenix Suns to a 107-91 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics. Dennis Johnson had 18 points, Alvin Adams 16 and Rich Kelley and Joel Kramer 11 apiece for the Suns. The Suns, leading the NBA Pacific Division, went ahead to stay less than two minutes into the game and opened a 28-19 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In other NBA games over the weekend, it was the Milwaukee Bucks over the New Jersey Nets, 125-116, the Indiana Pacers over the Cleveland Cavaliers, 107-101; the Philadelphia 76ers over the Boston Celtics, 126-94; the Denver Nuggets over the Utah Jazz 113-108 and the Washington Bullets over the Atlanta Hawks, 121-101.

Taipei agrees to IOC plea

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, March 24 (AP) — The International Olympic Committee and the "Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee" signed Monday an agreement entitling the Republic of China to participate in future Olympic Games, the IOC announced.

A terse, seven-line communique said the two sides "based on the latest amended version of the Olympic charter, — are agreed on the name, flag and emblem of the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee."

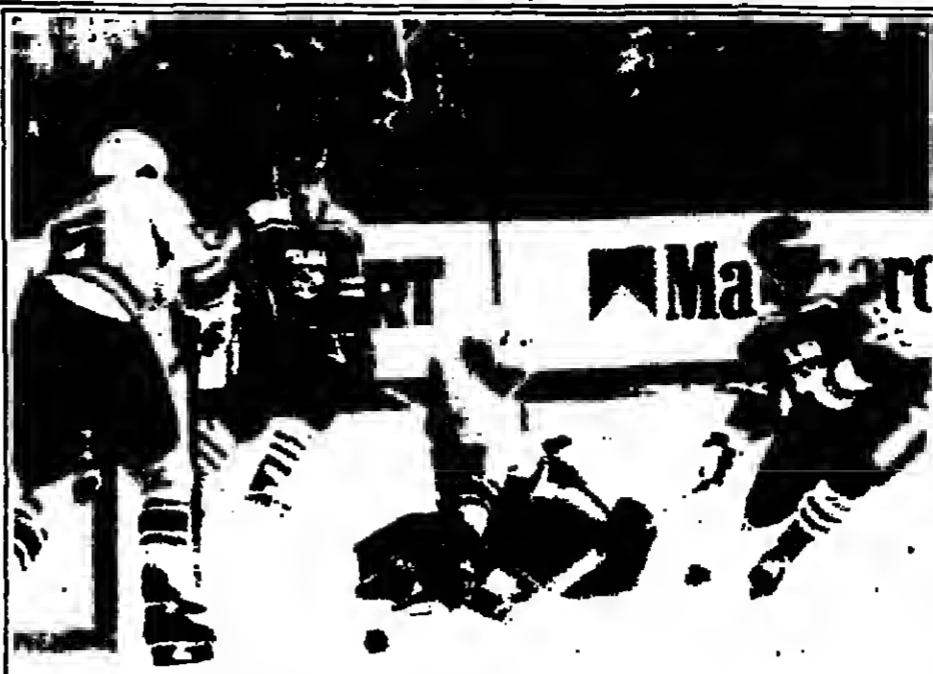
According to this agreement, the Chinese Taipei Olympic committee is entitled to participate in future Olympic Games, as well as other activities sponsored by the IOC.

In Taipei, sports officials said that the Republic of China's decision to change its name to "the Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee" was a move designed to give its athletes a better chance to compete in international sports events.

In the past decade, Taipei had tried, to no avail, to retain the name "the Republic of China Olympic Committee." In 1975, China applied for the IOC membership and insisted that the other was a part of China and it should not be addressed as "the Republic of China."

A foreign ministry spokesman, who did not want to be identified, said "the government has no comment on this issue, as the National Olympic Committee, a private organization, has an announcement to make."

Taipei's Olympic Committee said that after several meetings between its IOC member Henry Hsu and Federation of International Football Associations president Joao Havelange, who was appointed by IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch, the nation finally agreed to use a new name for its National Olympic Committee.



FIRST VICTORY: Japan notched up its first victory in the World Ice Hockey Group 'B' Championship when they beat Yugoslavia 7-3 (1-2, 4-0, 2-1) in Italy Monday. Japan started badly in the first session and were down 1-2 but came back strongly after that to romp home victors. The match was full of incidents and play had to be interrupted during the second period because of scuffles between the players that saw a couple of players being sent out. Above is an action between Poland and Romania on the opening day which Poland won 6-5.

Tim Wilkinson makes exit

MILAN, Italy, March 24 (AP) — Americans Tim Gullikson, Bill Scanlon and Butch Walts scored first-round victories in the opening day of the \$200,000 WCT Tennis Tournament Monday.

A fourth American, Tim Wilkinson, lost to young Italian Gianni Ocleppo.

Sweden's Bjorn Borg and John McEnroe of the United States are the top-seeded players in the competition, continuing at the local indoor sports palace through Sunday. Both will play their first-round matches Tuesday.

Gullikson overcame Zeljko Franulovic of Yugoslavia 4-6, 6-4, 7-6.

Walts trounced France's Jean Francois Caujolle 6-3, 6-2 while Scanlon made short work of another Frenchman, Christophe Roger-Vasselin, 6-2, 6-2.

Czech Tomas Smid defeated Britain's Richard Lewis 6-3, 6-0 and Ocleppo downed Wilkinson 6-4, 6-2.

Pakistan restricted

By Shahid Orakzai Arab News Correspondent

KARACHI, March 24 — The touring Zimbabwe hockey team restricted mighty Pakistan to a 2-0 margin in the second Test at the Hockey Club of Pakistan ground on Monday.

Geoff Miller puts England on top

PLYMOUTH, Montserrat March 24 (AP) — Acting captain Geoff Miller put the touring England cricket team in a winning position on Monday, the third day of their four day match against the Leeward Islands with a fine all-round performance.

Miller, leading the side in the absence of resting skipper Ian Botham, topscored in England's first innings total with an undefeated 91 and then claimed three wickets for 42 runs with his off-spin to leave the Leeward 90 behind on the first innings, 235 for nine in their second at close of play.

It means that the Leewards are only 145 runs in the lead with one wicket remaining and a full day's left.

Mike Hailwood dies

BIRMINGHAM, March 24 (R) — Former world motorcycle champion Mike Hailwood died here Monday from head injuries received in a car crash on Saturday night, a hospital spokesman said.

Hailwood's nine-year-old daughter Michelle was killed in the crash when his car collided with a lorry. His son David, six, was slightly injured.

Mike Hailwood, 40, was world motor cycling champion ten times in a career that began at the age of 17. He won his first championship in 1962 and built up a reputation as a very safe motorcycle rider.

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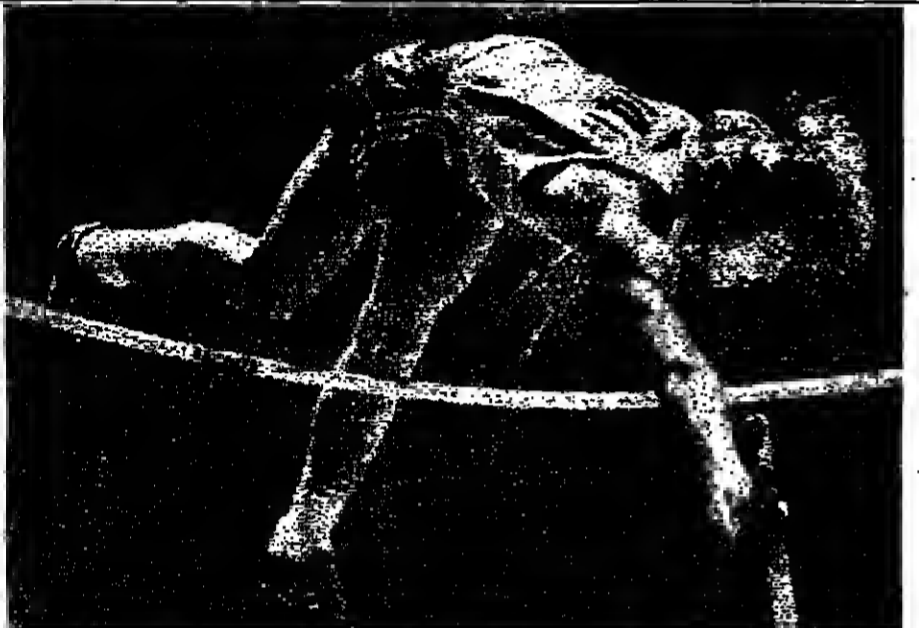
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EEC to grant Poland food aid

MAASTRICHT, The Netherlands, March 24 (AFP) — National leaders of the ten European Economic Community (EEC) nations gathered at a summit here have decided to grant Poland new food aid and easier debt repayment, Belgian Foreign Minister Charles Ferdinand Nothomb said Tuesday.

The heads of state and governments, who began their last session here Tuesday were also to include a declaration on the Polish affair in their final communique. The summit ended at 11:20 GMT Tuesday. An informed source said that a new, stronger statement could go further than a previous one last December, by praising the positive role played by the trade union Solidarity in the government-union confrontation. It would also have kind words for efforts by the Polish Catholic church and the Warsaw government.

Nothomb said that Poland's governmental creditors in the EEC had decided to give Warsaw more time to repay their share of the \$25,000 million Polish debt to the West.

The leaders of the ten nations did not appear to have found the key to an EEC common fishing policy. A reliable source said that West German Chancellor Helmut

Schmidt strongly criticized British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher on this matter at the summit dinner last night.

West Germany and Britain have been at odds over British reluctance to go along with an EEC agreement with Canada until the status of British waters within the EEC is decided. Lack of such an agreement is reportedly threatening to cause unemployment in the West German fishing industry. Belgian Prime Minister Wilfried Martens said he was not disturbed by the failure to settle the fishing dispute here, noting that the summit is not an appeal body for difficult matters being considered by the EEC council of ministers.

Meanwhile, the summit participants unanimously decided Monday night to maintain the status quo on the question of the seats of the EEC institutions, a reliable source said.

Under the current arrangement, the European assembly alternates between Strasbourg (eastern France) and Luxembourg, while its committees meet in Brussels. The parliament alone decides where to hold its full sessions. Most of the parliament's secretariat is installed in Luxembourg.

A statement on Afghanistan is also expected to emerge from the summit. An informed source said this statement would

repeat a French proposal for a conference on non-interference in this country, militarily occupied by the Soviet Union 15 months ago.

The EEC includes Belgium, Britain, Denmark, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, and West Germany.

Although they failed to settle the fishing controversy, they made enough progress to convene a special meeting of fishery ministers. The meeting will be in Brussels Friday.

Spokesmen for several delegations said Tuesday that despite pressure from French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, there was no movement on the issue by Mrs. Thatcher.

The British, vetoing a proposal agreed to by most delegations, assert the plan gives foreign fishermen too much access to traditional British waters. Because of lack of agreement on the internal fishing program, action has been held up on an EEC-Canada agreement much desired by West German trawlermen who usually fish Canadian waters in the spring.

Experts meeting apart from the heads of government worked on a compromise and made some progress but not enough to submit a final plan to the leaders, officials said.

Kuwait, EEC respond to Mugabe plea for funds

SALISBURY, March 24 (AP) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has made an impassioned plea to the world community for massive doses of aid and investment for Zimbabwe's war-battered economy.

In particular, the head of the 11-month-old Socialist republic asked Monday wealthy nations for aid to help his government meet the political aspirations of the seven million blacks by buying land mainly owned by the white minority of around 200,000.

Mugabe was opening a five-day conference of prospective donors from 44 nations, 16 financial institutions and 16 United Nations agencies.

Some delegates responded to Mugabe's appeal for funds and made the following pledges:

Canada — \$2.4 million for reconstruction of the war-torn economy and rehabilitation of refugees and guerrillas. European Economic Community — \$25 million for six as yet unspecified development projects. Kuwait — \$54 million for railway reconstruction, rehabilitation of refugees, land resettlement and development, agricultural and technical assistance and the improvement of roads between Zimbabwe and the neighboring states of Mozambique and Zambia.

Earlier, Mugabe described black people's land hunger and conditions in the countryside as "a danger signal of the first magnitude." "We seek to purchase and provide land for productive purposes to the landless, we seek to rehabilitate and further develop our physical infrastructure and improve our rural economy."

Japanese car imports

Reagan favors voluntary curbs

WASHINGTON, March 24 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan, trying to balance calls for mandatory auto import curbs against fears of sparking a trade war, will seek voluntary restrictions on Japanese auto shipments to United States, an administration source says.

The president was meeting Tuesday with people on both sides of the equation — first with Senator John Danforth, a Missouri Republican, author of legislation proposing mandatory controls, and then with Japanese Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito.

Although he did not use the term trade war, Ito hinted Monday that stern U.S. action on the matter could have worldwide economic implications. In any case, an administration source said Monday that Reagan has already made up his mind to take the middle-of-the-road approach and seek voluntary curbs.

The official, who asked not to be identified, added that Reagan recognizes Japanese sensitivities and plans to broach his voluntary limit proposal as a suggestion, not as a demand. "One thing you will not see is Reagan using a blunt club to deal with the Japanese," he said. "They react very poorly to that."

In addition to warnings that a harsh approach, such as mandatory controls, might well result in a trade war with Japan, many in the Reagan administration were reluctant to depart from the basic free-trade concept that is so much a part of Reagan's general

Britain's CNP dips

LONDON, March 24 (AFP) — The British gross national product (GNP) dropped two per cent last year, its first drop since 1975, the Central Statistics Office has said here.

The measuring index, based at 100 in 1975, fell to 107.2 in 1980, compared to 109.4 in 1979, 107.8 in 1978 and 104.5 in 1977. Over the last three months of the year, the index fell to 105.5, or 4.25 per cent less than in 1979.

Over the whole year, production fell by three per cent — after an increase in 1979. Industrial production fell by seven per cent, manufacturing by 10 per cent and building by six per cent.

Agriculture however was up by nine per cent thanks to an excellent cereal crop. Demand dropped by two per cent, mainly because of destocking. The private consumer index went up by 0.5 per cent, mostly in the first three months of the year, and the government index rose by two per cent in spite of efforts to cut back on public spending. Investments also dropped two per cent, to their lowest level since 1973. Exports rose slightly and imports dropped by 3.5 per cent.

Market glut denied

Kuwait to maintain oil output

KUWAIT, March 24 (AP) — The Kuwaiti oil minister was quoted as claiming that there was no glut to world markets and that Kuwait has no plans to cut back its production of crude oil.

"There is no glut in the oil markets now," Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah told Monday the Kuwaiti monthly magazine *Arab Oil*. "My personal estimate shows that Iraq and Iran are producing (oil) at an aggregate daily rate of 1.5 million barrels, unless the two go up to three million barrels a day I don't think there can be a glut."

His statement was in sharp contrast to a complaint last week by United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Saeed Oteiba, who said there was a glut of about 3.5 billion barrels of crude oil in Western markets. Asked if Kuwait would reduce its production below the current rate of 1.5 million barrels a day, Sheikh Ali said, "All I can say is that, right now we have not taken any initiative to cut back production."

He confirmed that Kuwait was charging a premium of \$5.50 per barrel for its crude oil, which sells at \$35 the premium, he said varies according to "circumstances of contracts." He did not elaborate on that point.

Sheikh Ali revealed that he had asked Japanese contract customers to lift 70 per cent of their oil purchases from Kuwait in Kuwaiti tankers. "Here again, the percentage varies from one customer to another," he said without giving details.

Sheikh Ali commended the attitude of the Western importers toward the producing countries' rejection of the crude oil conservation programs. He said: "We were extremely pleased that there was no scramble for oil (by the Western importers) after the outbreak of the Gulf war."

Since the outbreak of the Iraq-Iran war last September, he said, the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has been selling a total of 25 million barrels a day to Western consumers and third world countries. The Gulf war paralyzed the production and shipping facilities of Iraq and Iran, accounting for a shortfall of about four million barrels a day in world markets. "I say the attitude of the importers has been very encouraging," he told *Arab Oil*. "It showed a sense of responsibility and a desire for energy conservation."

U.S. cool to trade with Iran

WASHINGTON, March 24 (R) — The Reagan administration will not encourage normal trade with Iran until it is clear that claims filed by U.S. corporations and banks are going to be paid off, government officials have said.

"At this point we're pretty much saying to Iran, 'we will withhold our trade until we are sure you will honor our claims,'" said one high-ranking Commerce Department official.

About 2,500 American firms and banks have filed claims against the estimated \$3 billion to \$4.5 billion worth of Iranian assets that still remain in this country. The total amount of the claims has been a closely guarded secret at the U.S. Treasury Department, but some insiders said the claims total more than the assets.

Under the terms of the agreement that led to the release of the 52 American hostages in January, the United States agreed to return Iran's assets on or before July 19.

As its part of the deal, Iran would then set up a special \$1 billion fund to begin paying off the U.S. claims.

The short-term direction of U.S. trade policy with Iran was signaled by President Reagan at his first news conference Jan. 29. Reagan was asked if he thought American firms should resume trade with Iran. He answered simply, "No." Since then, the departments of commerce, state and treasury have adopted a uniform "non-encouragement"

Italian unions threaten strike

MILAN, March 24 (AP) — The Italian Labor Federation Monday called for two-hour strikes of all workers except the "essential public services" to protest the government's devaluation of the lira and economic measures designed to drop up the sagging economy.

The strikes would take place sometime in the next two days, but a specific time was not set, the Labor federation Cgil-Csil-Uil said.

In a statement, the union federation said it understood the "gravity" of the economic situation in Italy, but opposed using "recession and a decrease in employment" to deal with the problem.

The government, in devaluing the lira and tightening credit, has told Italians they will have to cut consumption to help the ailing economy.

Strike hits European Parliament

STRASBOURG, March 24 (AP) — The opening session of a special European Parliament meeting to discuss farm prices was suspended Monday night because interpreters of four of the assembly's seven languages joined a strike of parliament employees the strikers' languages are Italian, French, Danish and Greek.

The strike, which resulted in picket lines in front of the modernistic parliament building here. The strikers demand that the parliament continue to alternate its sessions between Strasbourg and Luxembourg, where the secretariat is installed and many employees live.

They protested a decision that all sessions this year — usually one week a month — be held in Strasbourg. The parliament also

New York exchange prices touch new high

NEW YORK, March 24 (R) — Prices on the New York stock exchange rose Monday to their highest level since January 6, led by a surge in oil stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed at 1,004.23 points, a rise of 11.43 on the day and close to the record of 1,013.13 set on September 27, 1976. Wall Street analysts said the heavy selling of oils by institutions which depressed prices last week had eased, while bullish news from two major oil companies added to the buying.

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Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.25	91.45
French Franc (100)	69.00	69.00	68.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.85
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.25	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	33.00	33.30	36.30
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Kuwaiti Dinar	—	10.63	10.55
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	12.25	12.26
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	85.00	84.65
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Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.61	7.63	7.59
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Message to Klibi

Lebanon urges plan on Mideast conflict

BEIRUT, March 24 (R) — Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros has asked for an Arab conference to agree on a comprehensive strategy in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In a note officially released here Monday, Butros asked Arab League Secretary General Cheddi Klibi to arrange for the meeting under the League's auspices. He said it should be attended by delegates from Syria, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as well as Lebanon. South Lebanon has been the target of Israeli attacks which the Israelis say are directed at Palestinian commandos in retaliation for operations mounted from there.

The note was taken Monday by the secretary general of the Lebanese Foreign Ministry to Tunis, where the Arab League Council is

holding a meeting.

Meanwhile, Lebanon Monday insisted on its right to send its army to the border with Israel, and accused the Zionist state of thwarting attempts to rebuild the Lebanese armed forces. In a press statement, Information Minister Michel Edde implicitly rejected Israeli allegations that the presence of the Lebanese army in the south could spark off a war of attrition between Palestinian commandos and Israel.

Meanwhile, Israeli troops in a dawn raid blew up four houses in a South Lebanese village with their occupants still inside, press correspondents in the region reported.

In Tel Aviv, Irish Defense Minister Sylvester Barrett Monday urged Israel to strengthen its cooperation with U.N. peacekeeping forces in southern Lebanon, Israel radio said.

Training terrorists in Libya

Haig orders thorough probe

WASHINGTON, March 24 (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig has called for a thorough investigation of published charges that Americans have been involved in training and supplying terrorists in Libya, the State Department has said.

Spokesman William Dyess said Monday Haig had read an article by *Boston Globe* reporters and asked the department to participate with other U.S. agencies in investigating their findings. The reporters, quoting State Department intelligence, said as many as 50 Americans were in Libya providing military support to the government of Muammar Qaddafi.

Gaza hospital services crippled

GAZA, March 24 (AP) — The Baptist Hospital in Gaza has dismissed more than half its staff in an economy drive following steep salary increases recommended by a U.N. Agency in the Gaza Strip, the hospital administrator said Tuesday.

Administrator Tommy Adkins said the hospital had fired 47 of its 87 doctors, nurses, and orderlies and abolished its emergency night service, but he hoped no other facilities would be harmed. The dismissals have caused concern among the 400,000 residents of the

Gaza Strip who rely on the hospital for most of their medical needs. The 87-year-old hospital was taken over in 1954 by the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention, based in Richmond. The convention covers 25 per cent of the hospital's operating costs and patients' fees pay the rest.

Adkins said the main reason for the economy measures arose from wage increases of more than 80 per cent recommended by the U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).



SERVING HUMANITY: Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa, the ruler of Bahrain, receives Jesse L. Jackson, president of operation Push. People united to serve humanity. In the meeting, the recent developments in the Middle East and cases of mutual interest were discussed.

As Zia calls for national unity

Pakistanis ignore protect, boycott agitation

ISLAMABAD, March 24 (R) — Opposition calls for protest strikes and a boycott of national day celebrations were largely ignored in Pakistan Monday.

Opposition politicians, their ranks decimated by widespread arrests, failed to win widespread backing for the protests called against the government of Gen. Muhammad Zia-Ul-Haq. In Southern Sindh province, an electoral stronghold of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, students stoned cars and burned at least one lorry in a bid to bring all traffic to a standstill, eyewitnesses and opposition sources said.

But in the other main cities of Lahore, Quetta, Rawalpindi and Peshawar, government celebrations went undisturbed and hundreds of people filled local stadiums for the military parades. Gen. Zia, accompanied by President Ahmad Sekou Toure of Guinea, drove in an open carriage around Rawalpindi, Race Course before about 15,000 people.

President Zia, who two years ago promised to hold general elections but later canceled them, called for "complete national unity to make Pakistan a fortress of Islam and an ideal Islamic state." He said he was confident the armed forces and the people of Pakistan would understand that the present uncertainty in the country was caused by "certain internal elements and external ill-wishers" who were determined to destroy Pakistan.

In Karachi, police detained one of the few remaining leaders of the newly-formed Movement for the Restoration of Democracy to have escaped an earlier swoop on opposition activists. Khawaja Khairuddin of the Muslim League was picked up minutes

before he was to make a speech at the mausoleum of Pakistan's founder, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, attacking the military government and demanding parliamentary elections.

Several hundred uniformed and plain-clothes security police surrounded the monument to prevent the planned protest meeting from taking place. Opposition sources said about 1,000 supporters of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, which links anti-Zia politicians from nine political parties, have been arrested over the past month in an apparent bid to crush the coalition and to prevent it from organizing protests.

Police Sunday rounded up two other political leaders, Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, acting leader of Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party and Sberbaz Khan Mazari of the Pathan and Baluchistan-based National Democratic Party, who were due to speak at Jinnah's tomb.

In Nawabshah, center of Jatoi's rural estates in Sindh province, a lorry was burned by demonstrators when its driver refused to join a transport strike. Most roads in the region were empty of vehicles, eyewitnesses said. Groups of students in Larkana, the country home of the Bhutto family, lit fires at major crossroads, stoned traffic and chanted anti-Zia slogans, opposition sources said.

BRIEFS

ALGIERS, (AP) — An overnight curfew remains in force in Mauritania following last week's abortive coup attempt, but Nouakchott airport has reopened to civilian traffic, the Algerian News Agency reported from the capital Monday. An APS correspondent said public buildings in the capital were heavily guarded.

CHICAGO, (R) — Jehan Sadat, wife of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, received an honorary doctorate of human letters from De Paul University Monday for exerting leadership in humanitarian and social causes. Sadat, who has actively campaigned to advance women's rights, is touring the United States.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — The strike by Israel's 58,000 teachers to protest the government's refusal to implement a wage agreement reached 17 days ago gave more than one million elementary and secondary school pupils their second holiday Tuesday.

N'DJAMENA, (R) — Chad must have a democratically-elected government before it can hold a referendum on the proposed merger with Libya, foreign minister Ahmed Acyl said Monday. A plan to unite the two countries was announced in Tripoli Jan. 6 after Libya intervened militarily to end Chad's nine-month-long civil war.

Land seizure by Israel is 'mere plunder'

TEL AVIV, March 24 (AP) — *Davar*, official journal of the opposition, Labor Party, followed up land seizures in occupied areas with an article, by its West Bank affairs writer, Danny Rubenstein, attacking the land confiscation procedure. "The system may be legal, but heaven preserve us from such legality," he wrote. "In fact, it is a simple system of plunder, all of whose wrappings of legality and appeals committees of various sorts are a deception."

Meir Talmi, secretary-general of the Labor Party's left-wing faction Mapam, urged the attorney general to examine the procedure, saying it "contradicts basic principles of law and justice." There was no immediate formal reaction, but defense ministry officials who asked not to be identified denied the accusations. They said 21 days were adequate for any landowner to prove his case provided he had papers attesting to his ownership.

Israel producing fragmentation bomb for 10 years

TEL AVIV, March 24 (AFP) — Israel has been producing its own fragmentation bombs for the past ten years, according to Mounia Meridor, a former director of Israel's weapon research and development center, known as "Raphael". The information was provided in a recently-issued book on the center's successes over the past ten years.

Deputy Defense Minister Mordchai Izuhri described "Raphael" as an "ace up the sleeve" of Israel's defenses.

"If, at the time, Israeli forces had wanted to reveal the secret that the bombs were made in Israel, we could have avoided a hostile campaign against us in the United States," Meridor said.

Peking denies arms buying from Israel

PEKING, March 24 (AP) — Allegations that China purchases weapons from Israel "are fabrications pure and simple," the official English-language magazine *Peking Review* has said.

On the possibility of China recognizing Israel, the magazine said Monday the Chinese government will have nothing to do with Israel as long as it occupies Arab territory and denies the Palestinian people their national rights. "The Israeli authorities must abandon their policy of aggression against the Arab countries. Only in this way can they have a future," it said in a question-answer column.

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More refugees enter Sudan daily

KHARTOUM, March 24 (AFP) — The misfortunes of refugees in Africa have never attracted the news coverage given to the plight of the Vietnamese boat people, yet Africa is at the top of the sad chart of refugee lists, and the number of displaced people on the continent continues to grow.

Only a decade ago there were two million refugees in Africa. Today they are more than 10 million. In Sudan alone, thousands of people are expected to flee from neighboring

states — Uganda, Chad and Ethiopia — to join the half million who have already crossed the frontier in the hope of escaping war, massacres, drought and hunger.

Sudan first found itself looking after homeless foreigners in 1965 when a wave of refugees crossed from the Congo (now Zaire) during the continuing troubles there. They were easy to assimilate and many have since returned home. Since then, there have been several more migrations into Sudan, with the

biggest batch arriving between 1977-78 during the Ogaden war between Ethiopia and Somalia, when tens of thousands of Ethiopians and Eritreans were sent to camps organized by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).

According to the most recent Sudanese government statistics, a total of 415,000 Ethiopians and Eritreans have fled to this country. Most of them are spread around some 20 camps in the eastern province, with about 25,000 near the town of Kassala. But about 50,000 who came from urban areas have gone to the capital where many of them eventually find work.

The migrations have resumed over the past few weeks following a brief lull and groups of between 30 and 400 Ethiopians cross the border daily. In the south of the country, a new flood of refugees has crossed the Nile from northern Uganda, members of the Madi tribe, fleeing reprisals and persecution by Acholi members of the Ugandan army and militia whose own families were subject to oppression by Idi Amin.

In October last year, 30,000 Ugandans fled to Sudan, to join 43,000 Madis living around the southern capital, Juba. And officials here expect some 50,000 more Ugandan refugees to be accommodated in the area in the coming weeks.

In western Sudan, the government and the UNHCR are working together to aid an estimated 18,000 Chadian refugees, mainly women and children, of whom 8,000 crossed the frontier at the end of last December following the Chadian government's military victory against the rebel armed forces of former Defense Minister Hissen Habre.

Many of the Chadian homeless are in or around the town of El Geneina, 1,000 kms from Khartoum, a 10-day trip for convoys carrying food and other relief supplies donated by British and West German charitable organizations.

Here, as in the other camps, financial support is channelled through the UNHCR, which gives some of the money to the Sudanese authorities and uses the rest itself to purchase food and equipment locally. Last year, the UNHCR budget in Sudan was \$12 million. This year, it is expected to more than double. The Sudanese make no secret of the fact that the vast refugee problem has produced social problems, with the growing immigrant population leading to religious and cultural confrontations. In regions where there are large refugee settlements, local people complain that their own needs have been pushed down into second place.

Some attempts to integrate the refugees with the local population have succeeded, others have failed. New solutions must be found to meet the needs of the growing number of displaced people. The problems are further complicated by the wide variety of conditions to be found in the different regions of Sudan in which the refugees have been placed.

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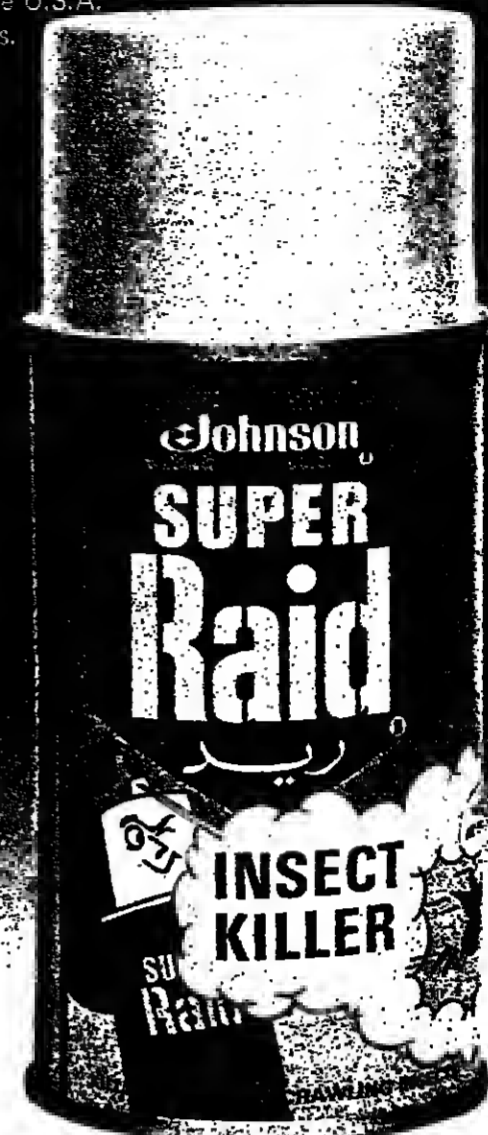
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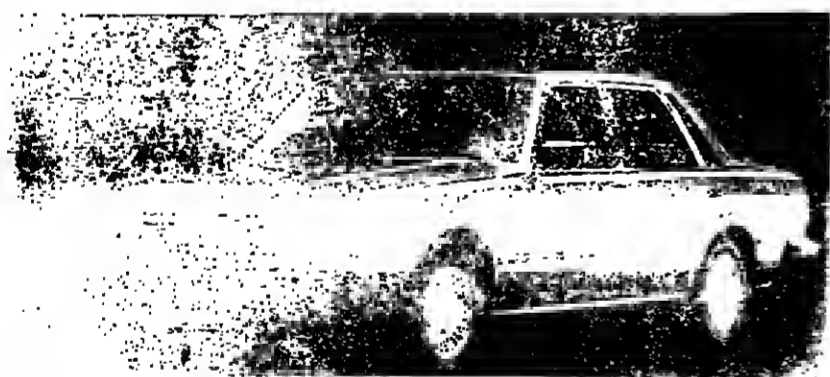
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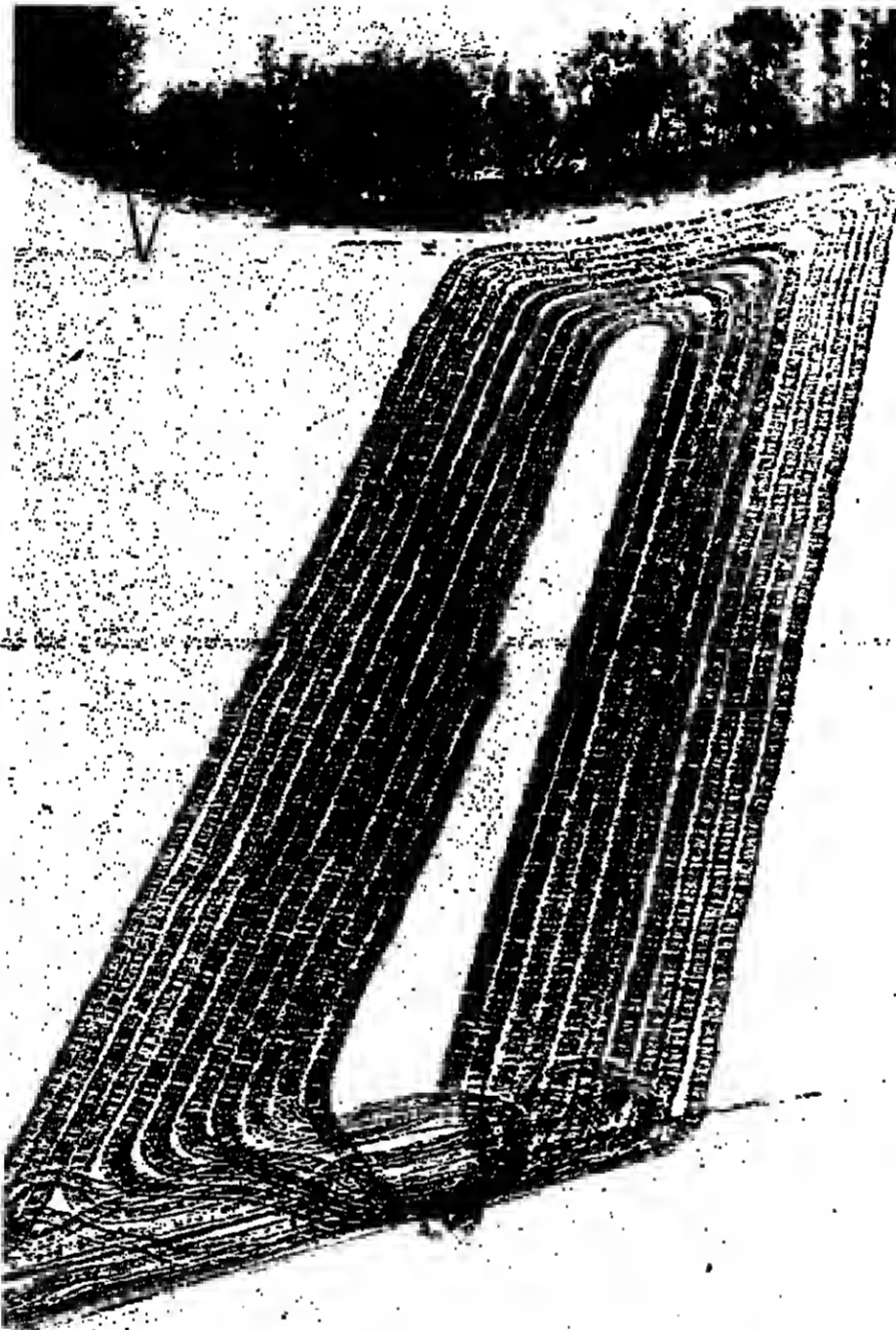
LITTIEST STAR: The 10-month-old Wesley Ivan Hurt makes his film debut in the role of little orphan "Sweet Pea" in the new picture called "Popeye". The son of film director Rober Altman, the little child is said to have become one of the most pampered actors, being the only one of the cast to have his very own dressing room and a dresser. During the 6-month shooting schedule on the film, Wesley grew eight teeth — surely a record for any up-coming actor.



THE THINKER: There is a great interest in Switzerland over an extraordinary sculpture. Seen here on the pavement in Zurich is a provocative bronze figure appropriately called — "The Thinker".



LATEST: One of the latest additions to the expanding collection of animals, at the Los Angeles Zoo in California, is this rare handful. The two little creatures are called Golden Marmosets. Needless to say, they are considered as good as gold.



PATTERN: This unusual aerial view shows a farmer with dung-spreader working on a field during a light fall of snow in Switzerland. The "artistic" work makes an interesting study in winter patterns.



A LIVING: There are many different ways to earn a living. But who would want to spend their life working with a killer cobra snake? This idea does not seem to bother this fearless snake-charmer as he works with his venomous reptile on a street of Dacca, Bangladesh.



GIANT ANT: No, it is not a giant ant. Time has not yet come for giants to take over our planet. The ant is the creation of British master model-maker Roger Dicken, an artist who specialized in making life-like monsters for the film-world.



WINTER WORK: Two horses and a driver haul a long through the forest on a bitterly cold day near the Swiss Alps. The winter scene is all part of the hard life that foresters lead in the frigid mountain regions.

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CLAP! CLAP!

BLONDIE

HONEY, I'M BRINGING THE BOSS HOME FOR DINNER TONIGHT

I CAN'T HEAR YOU - WE HAVE A BAD CONNECTION

I'LL BET SHE'D HEAR YOU IF YOU SAID WE'RE ALL GOING TO A FANCY RESTAURANT

WHAT TIME?

B.C.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER GIVING AN ATTRACTIVE YOUNG LADY A LIFT TO HER CAFE?

IT WOULD BE BOTH AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE.

IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL JUST KEEP CRUISING AROUND THE BLOCK.

ANDY CAPP

BACK IN A SEC, FELLERS!

NICE OF YOU TO COME ON EARLY, PET - TRUST YOU TO THINK I MIGHT BE FEELIN' A BIT LONELY

SHE HAS THIS NASTY HABIT OF ALWAYS SUSPECTIN' THE BEST IN PEOPLE

HAGAR

I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY HOUSE PLANT?

MAYBE IT NEEDS MORE LIGHT...

SMALL SOCIETY

HOO-BOY!

WHENEVER ANYONE ASKS ME WHAT OUR SON IS DOING, I'M TORN BETWEEN PRIDE AND REALITY.

WIZARD

I MAY BE MIDDLE-AGED BUT I'M STILL CAPABLE OF TURNING A MAN'S HEAD

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...LOOK AT ME WHEN I TALK TO YOU!

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I WAS JUST GONNA RING IT ONCE OR TWICE... THEN IT STARTED RINGIN' ME!

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Score One for the Defense

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 7 5 4
 ♥ A J Q
 ♦ A K 10 2
 ♣ 9 7 4

EAST
 ♠ J 3
 ♥ J 9 7 5 2
 ♦ 9 8 7 6 3
 ♣ 8

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q 9 8
 ♥ 10 4 3
 ♦ K 5
 ♣ J 6 2

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♣ 2♣ 2♠ Pass
 2♦ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — king of clubs.

Nobody rings a bell to tell you when a crucial point in the play has been reached. You're expected to recognize these crucial situations when they arise; if you don't, a golden opportunity may pass you by. Furthermore, there is the risk that an irate partner may indelicately point an accusing finger at you.

Consider this case where West is defending against four spades. He cashes the K-A-Q of clubs. East following suit once and then discarding a low heart and a low diamond. What should West play next?

Actually, there is only one correct play now — another club! This allows East to trump with the jack, which in turn causes South to lose a trump trick and go down one.

Not many players would continue with a club at trick four. Such a play runs counter to standard practice — largely because it has been drummed into all of us that you should avoid giving declarer a ruff and discard. But this generally wise rule has its exceptions, just as any other general rule has its exceptions.

A player should learn to govern a rule and not allow the rule to govern him. If it is clear, in a given case, that following the general rule is likely to do more harm than good, the rule should be abandoned in that case.

It is not at all difficult for West to realize that there is no hope of stopping the contract unless his side can win a trump trick. His best prospect, therefore, is to hope that East has the jack, queen or king of spades.

Accordingly, West leads a fourth round of clubs, praying that East will come through in the pinch by playing one of these three cards on the ten of clubs. If East has none of them, West will at least get an A for effort.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Francis Drake
 FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
 Don't insist on your own way. Others are slow to go along with your ideas. Evening hours favor distant interests and romance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
 Employee absenteeism could mean an extra work load for you. Partners are ingenious and liable to surprise you. Privacy abets romance.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 A loved one may be reluctant to join you at a party. New work ideas pay off. Evening favors socializing and romantic interests.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Close ties are cautious now. Romance comes unexpectedly. Mixing business with pleasure may lead unexpectedly to new career benefits.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
 Stay clear of arguments. Others won't be easily convinced. Expect a surprise at home. You'll enjoy the good life this evening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 Caution on your part about a financial matter couldirk

another. Unexpected news now. Home life brings me late day satisfactions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 You'll need tact to get along with others now. Don't inhibit another. Evening is your best time to express views. Acquaintance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 Avoid hazardous work a don't overtire yourself. Take chance on innovative methods. Evening brings promise of financial gain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 Despite one romantic disappointment, late day brings happy times with hobbies and romance. Throw off your worries and relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 It may be difficult balance home and career interests now. Welcome chance to make new friend. Home life picks up later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 Arguments can lead frustration. Career interests are happily accented. Lovelies lead to romance at good times in the evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 Close ties may see tightness with money. Expected news from a distance. Good will bring career a financial success.

Crossword
 by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Lawsuit
- Preference
- Uttered
- Tolerate
- Wet blanket
- Mythical beast
- Work with lace
- Pindaric
- Sly — fox
- Gave succor
- Johnny —
- Smoothed down
- Canaanite god
- Ward after bitter
- Late actor, Richard
- Palm drink
- Combed, as wool
- Scottish uncle
- Heston film role
- Political monogram
- Ex boxer, Lee —
- Baby food
- Have ambitions
- Prong
- Gave a nasty glance
- Skin condition
- Have faith in

DOWN

- Egyptian Christian
- Met highlight
- Table items
- House addition
- Provided with a sleeping place
- "The Lady —" river
- Nabokov novel
- Constituent of its capital
- Optimistic
- Gave the authority
- European
- 27 Neil Sim
- 19 Conception forte
- 21 Dakar is
- 22 Old word for spirited 35
- 23 Tidal flow
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- 37 Youngster

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ROALD AMUNDSEN
 (1872-1928) THE NORWEGIAN EXPLORER WHO LED THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL TREK TO THE SOUTH POLE LEFT THERE A NOTE OF CONSOLATION FOR HIS BRITISH RIVAL, ROBERT SCOTT WHO ARRIVED A MONTH LATER AND PERISHED ON HIS RETURN TRIP. "YES IT WAS SCOTT WHO RECEIVED THE GREATER FAME"

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 MDDT CNVSM CNL YVSBCL CN
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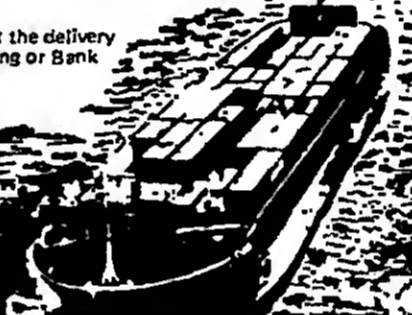
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Battle victory claimed

Blast, fire damage Iran panel building

NICOSIA, March 24 (Agencies) — An explosion and a fire ripped through part of the building housing the Central Revolutionary Committee in Tebran Tuesday setting off a series of secondary explosions heard all over town, the official Iranian news agency, Pars, reported.

There were no casualties and the fire was extinguished within two hours without causing much damage, Pars added. It quoted the public relations office of the central committee as stating the fire was caused by an electrical short-circuit in one of the rooms.

The explosion occurred at 06:40 local (05:10 GMT) and the area around the building near the old parliament "was covered in thick smoke" while the noise of exploding ammunition from inside the building could be heard "from a long distance," Pars added.

Australian party flays B-52 pact

CANBERRA, March 24 (AP) — The Labor opposition has refused to accept the validity of an agreement between the United States and Australia on the staging of B-52 bombers in Darwin, Opposition leader Bill Hayden described Tuesday the agreement as worthless, and called for a new agreement to be negotiated containing definite assurances the bombers would be unarmed and not carry nuclear weapons.

Hayden said in a statement that the present agreement did not in any way contain these assurances, which were given to Parliament by Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser. "The agreement certainly does not ensure that the United States will seek Australia's agreement on any change in operations from training and reconnaissance flights," Hayden said.

He said Foreign Affairs Minister Tony Street had produced for him a copy of an "unsigned, unidentifiable" document which Street described as an agreed form of words between himself and the U.S. secretary of state.

To fight terrorism

Army given role in Basque

MADRID, March 24 (AP) — The army will collaborate with Spain's national police to fight escalating terrorism, the government has announced. The agreement came a month after right-wing military men tried to overthrow the government.

King Juan Carlos, credited with crushing the coup attempt was meeting Tuesday with the heads of the army, navy and air force, the Defense Ministry said. Besides the military chiefs, the king summoned Premier Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo and Defense Minister Alberto Oliart to the closed-door session, which government sources said was called to discuss anti-terrorism measures.

A communique issued at the end of an emergency cabinet session called by Calvo Sotelo Monday said the Interior Ministry will set up a special army commando to fight terrorism. It said the cabinet authorized increased surveillance of coastal areas and international border and heavier security at airports and military bases throughout Spain.

Calvo Sotelo promised energetic measures against the Basque separatist Sunday after the weekend assassinations of two army lieutenant colonels. But a high government source who asked not to be identified said the centrist premier's present plans did not include declaring a state of emergency in the troubled northern Basque provinces.

In northern Pamplona, an estimated 3,500 people turned out for the funeral of Lt. Col. Jose Luis Prieto Garcia amid a few scattered shouts of "army to power." But the Pamplona procession, like that for Lt. Col. Ramon Romeo, also killed by a Basque separatist woman guerrilla one day earlier in Bilbao, was solemn but peaceful.

In downtown Pamplona, however, national police rescued a young man demonstrating on behalf of the Basque separatist organization ETA after he was beaten up by an angry crowd. ETA, blamed for 95 political assassinations last year, claimed responsibility for the killing of the two army officers and threatened to step up its campaign of violence.

The central committee building houses the body set up after the overthrow of the monarchy in Iran to act as the local government and to control the activities of the paramilitary civilian revolutionary guards. The building was also used as a barracks for the guards and a depot for their arms and ammunition.

A policeman outside the building told Reuters a bomb caused the blast. One wing of the headquarters in an office block adjoining the former chamber of the Majlis (parliament) was blackened by smoke and appeared gutted. But Pars, apparently trying to minimize the incident, said that there were no casualties or serious damage.

The explosion occurred when traffic was light due to the Iranian New Year holiday, which may have accounted for the reported absence of injuries. Police tried to keep onlookers away from the scene, while flak-jacketed youths, apparently members of the local committees, patrolled the building armed with automatic weapons. A series of bomb blasts has hit Tebran in the past year, the most recent exactly a month ago. At least 100 people have been killed and more than 100 injured but no arrests have been reported.

On the war front, Iran claimed Tuesday it recaptured a strategic chunk of its invaded western highlands in a three-day battle that rendered Iraqi territory open to Iranian infantry advance for the first time in the Gulf war.

A communique broadcast by Tehran radio said 800 Iraqi troops were killed and 80 taken prisoners as Iran regained the Choghahvand chain of hills in the western province of Kermanshah. "Soldiers of Islam can now easily flood into enemy territory," the communique said.

Iraq had no comment on the Iranian claim that came in the 27th week of the conflict on the Gulf's northern flank. The latest Baghdad communique claimed Iraqi paratroopers, backed by helicopter gunships, killed 121 Iranians in 24 hours combat.

The ETA killings directed against military men were declared by the government and army officers as a move to try to provoke a coup. ETA stands for "Basque land and liberty" in the Basque language. It is an outgrowth of the Basque Nationalist Party that fought against Franco in the 1936-9 civil war and is believed to number about 400 guerrillas.

In 1974, ETA split into what is now called the ETA-PM, or political-military wing and the ETA-M, or military wing. The ETA-M wing demands immediate independence for the Basque provinces and establishment of a Marxist state. The moderate ETA-PM has said it would give Basque home rule a chance.

Yugoslavia reels under flood fury

BELGRADE, March 24 (AFP) — About 1,000 families of Serbia have been evacuated in the wake of river floods submerging some 60,000 hectares of cultivated land, Janjig news agency reported here Tuesday. Districts of Belgrade, Yugoslavia's capital and Serbia's biggest city, have also been flooded by the overflowing Sava River with the metropolis has been cut off from some of its suburbs.

"The situation is particularly disturbing at Sabac and Obrenovac (on the Sava) and at Kladova (on the Danube)," the agency said. The flooding caused by overflow from the Danube, Sava, and Tisza Rivers, is expected to worsen Wednesday, Tanjug said, because the Danube and the Sava would be reaching their highest registered level since April 1941.

Earthquake jolts Chile

SANTIAGO, March 24 (AP) — A strong earthquake jolted central Chile Monday, swaying tall buildings and disrupting communications. There was no immediate report of major damage or injury in the capital. The earthquake registered 6 on the Richter Scale.



SEIZED WEAPONS: The air is filled with dust and gunsmoke as members of the El Salvador National Guard demonstrate the leftist guerrillas' firepower recently by firing captured weapons for newsmen. The weapons included grenades, automatic rifles, rocket launchers and recoilless rifles.

In memory of clergyman

Guerrillas halt fighting in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, March 24 (AP) — Leftist guerrillas ordered a unilateral 24-hour ceasefire Tuesday to mark the first anniversary of the assassination of San Salvador's Roman Catholic archbishop. But the army pressed its offensive against guerrillas entrenched in the northern mountains and towns.

Clergymen across the nation were to hold memorial services for archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, an outspoken defender of human rights and opponent of U.S. Military

aid to the ruling junta. The archbishop was shot through the heart by a sharpshooter while celebrating mass last March 24. Ultra-rightists were blamed, and more than 100 persons were killed in violence that broke out during eight days of mourning and street demonstrations after the slaying.

The Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMNL), a coalition of five of the six anti-government guerrilla groups, announced in a communique to the news media Monday that it would stop all but

defensive fighting Tuesday in commemoration of Romero's death. The communique described the cleric as "a standard-bearer of the cause of peace, justice and liberty," and said he was "assassinated by the enemies of our people: the genocidal junta, American imperialism by way of the CIA and the most reactionary sector of the military."

A lone gunman, suspected of belonging to one of the rightist "death squads" operating here, fired the shot that killed Romero. The assassin fled, and police say they have been unable to track him down.

Military source, meanwhile, reported continued fighting between guerrillas and troops in the mountainous northern region of this central American country where the government has been pressing a three-week-old campaign to track down and wipe out the guerrillas.

The sources said the fighting was heaviest Monday around Ciudad Victoria, 68 kms north of the capital. Refugees fleeing Las Vueltas, San Francisco, San Isidro and San Julian reported heavy fighting around those towns also, but army sources denied the reports. "Quite a number of guerrillas" were killed, said a military source, who declined to be identified. He said government troops suffered "some casualties." No figures were given and the reports could not be confirmed.

Leftist guerrillas have been fighting for more than a year to replace the U.S.-backed civilian-military junta with a Marxist government. Rightist forces have been waxing their own war against the left and have threatened the junta over its land reform and other social programs. A spokesman for the Salvadoran Human Rights Commission said Monday that 5,300 persons have been killed since Jan. 1 in the power struggle. At least 13,000 were killed last year, according to the commission.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the top Latin American official in the State Department said Monday that the "world-wide Communist group" is giving high priority to fomenting anti-American demonstrations because of this country's involvement in El Salvador.



ABANDONED TWINS: These twin baby boys were found Saturday in a dumpster at Shenandoah elementary school in Dayton, Ohio. The babies are in fair condition at a children's medical center, while the police are looking for the parents.

Dutch disagree with U.S. on arms

WASHINGTON, March 24 (R) — Disagreement over nuclear weapons in western Europe have arisen in talks between Dutch Defense Minister Pieter de Geus and U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, officials from both sides said Monday. But the ministers agreed there was a need to retain some nuclear weapons in the Netherlands and elsewhere in western Europe, the officials said.

They also agreed on a "two-track" approach: modernizing these forces while pursuing arms control with the Soviet Union, as approved by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1979. A U.S. official said upgrading NATO forces was a precondition for arms talks, while a Dutch official said modernization would not be possible if arms control negotiations were blocked or delayed.

The Dutch official said De Geus also stressed that his government wanted to move

away from battlefield nuclear weapons in favor of long-range strategic deterrence, a position which the U.S. official called over-optimistic. De Geus told Weinberger "that they could not afford any discussion on neutron weapons," which he said the Dutch government and a majority of its parliament strongly opposed.

Weinberger said last month that neutron warheads would very probably be deployed in western Europe, although only after consultation with the allies. He said these weapons, designed to kill enemy troops with radiation while minimizing blast effect, would allow NATO to stop a big Soviet tank invasion of western Europe with the least possible civilian deaths and property damage.

Meanwhile, the United States is asking its allies to back up U.S. efforts to combat Soviet penetration in south west Asia, Richard Burr, director of the bureau of politico military affairs, told a congressional hearing Monday.

Two cosmonauts returning to earth in week

MOSCOW, March 24 (R) — Two cosmonauts, one Mongolian and the other Soviet, who docked their spacecraft with the Salyut-6 orbital station Monday, will return to earth in a week, the official Soviet news agency Tass said Tuesday.

Mongolian cosmonaut Jurgerdemidyn Gurragecha, 33, and his night commander Vladimir Dzhanibekov, 38, blasted off from Soviet central Asia Sunday in their two-man Soyuz-39 spaceship. They were welcomed aboard the 19-tonne space station by Soviet cosmonauts Vladimir Kovalyonok and Viktor Savinykh, who had been in orbit for 10 days.

Tass said the four cosmonauts would carry out a seven-day program of technical, biological and medical experiments and survey Mongolia for natural resources before Dzhanibekov and Gurragecha returned to earth in Soyuz-39.

Gurragecha, a shepherd's son, was the eighth non-Soviet cosmonaut to fly a space mission under the Moscow-sponsored inter-cosmos program.

Dzhanibekov, a former air force instructor from Soviet Uzbekistan, flew a similar mission in January 1978, when he linked Soyuz-27 to the 19-tonne space station and spent five days on board.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

You can skip the following if you are a doctor. You've heard it all before. You don't think it's funny. And it's in doubtful taste anyway. But you must admit that doctors have been declared fair game since the time of Galen. And for reasons which are not far to seek.

Take their insistence on writing in a way which no one but they can read. There's the story of that proud mother who said that her little boy is bound to become a doctor. Why she was asked. Because no one can read his handwriting, was the answer.

Then there was that doctor who turned to crime. He kidnapped someone and slipped his family a ransom note. He had to give up in the end, because no one could read it.

Take also the exorbitant fees they demand from their patients. There was that man who went to his doctor complaining of amnesia. The careful medic made him pay his bill beforehand. Or that man who was taken very suddenly and was whisked to a doctor. The doctor looked carefully into the man's wallet, found it empty and declared "He is beyond help now!"

Or that doctor who was giving thanks to the advances in modern science. "These new drugs we have now," he said, "They can keep the patient ticking until he settles up. Sometimes, they keep him alive even after that!"

Then there's the angry patient who remonstrated with his doctor. "Agreed, I'll pay your bill for fixing my stomach. But you'll have to pay for my heart condition after that!"

And the doctor talking to his new patient. "Ah yes," he says, "let's go over your medical history first. Have you always been prompt in settling your medical bills?"

Translated from Ashraq Al Awsat

Ghanaians sack Abidjan mission

ABIDJAN, March 24 (AFP) — Ghanaian students sacked the Ivory Coast Embassy in Accra Monday to protest the death by suffocation in an Abidjan police cell of 46 Ghanaian nationals at the beginning of the month, diplomatic sources said here Tuesday.

Ivory Coast Ambassador Denis Coffi Bile has been recalled for consultations at home and was not in the building when the students struck, burning files and furniture, ripping out telephone lines and destroying portraits of Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet-Boigny, the sources said.

The 46 dead Ghanaians were among 57 people locked into one small cell overnight recently after a police swoop on suspected criminals in the Abidjan area. Ivory Coast officials have described the arrested people as drug traffickers, but the Ghana Embassy here said that they were mainly from the local Ghanaian fishing colony, with two children among the victims.

The sources said that the students in Accra demanded compensation for the families of the dead men and repatriation of the bodies, which have been buried in two Abidjan suburbs. The Ghanaian Embassy here said that it has still not been informed officially of the burials.

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